

Maintain and enhance the resilience of ecosystem



Accredited Training



1299

training courses have been completed in this period, examples of courses include:

Basic Management and Maintenance of Ponds and Wetlands
Grassland Systems
Introduction to Peatland Restoration
Sustainable Supply Systems (IBERS)
The Maintenance, History and Ecological Principles of Wildflower Meadows
Woodland Management for Conservation

Horticulture Training



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Intervention	Number of businesses supported	Number of participants supported	Number of events (sessions)
Training course places	50	90	8
Horticulture business support	37	59	43

Examples of training titles:

- › Growing food in balance with biodiversity
- › Irrigation systems
- › Hungry Gap and Tunnel Rotations

Feedback: “Really great that we stepped out of Wales to visit an inspirational horticultural project. As with the FC visit to Oxtons a few years ago, it’s great to be able to learn from somewhere due to their practice rather than geographical location.”

E-learning



2979

modules have been completed within this period, examples include:

Modules
Bee Keeping - An Introduction
Farming for Pollinators
Habitat Identification
Habitat Management
Farming for Pollinators
Protect and Enhance Farm Ecosystems

Clinics



45

Clinics completed

Topics included: Fertilizer calibration

Surgeries



7

Surgeries completed

Topics included: Energy Efficiency

Advisory Service



1257

Advisory instances claimed in this period included:

Category of advice	Number of claims
Grassland and crop management	889
Animal Health	315
Other	21
Business Planning	12
Agri-environment, ecosystems services	11
Woodland	9

Discussion Groups



Protect and enhance the farm ecosystem

57

During this period the meeting content of 57 Discussion Groups supported maintaining and enhancing the resilience of ecosystems.

Topics included: Taking advantage of SFS UA4 to learn more about soil health and biodiversity | Salt marsh grazing | Low input grassland systems

Our Farms Network



19 on-farm projects focusing on maintaining and enhancing the resilience of ecosystems. Including using bioacoustics sensors on 8 Our Farms which highlighted:

- 69 different bird species were detected across all farms.
- 16 of these were red list species.
- Our Farms have a range of habitats that provide food, shelter and breeding sites for a variety of farmland birds.

Strategic Awareness Events



39 Events held
Topics included: Preparing for the Sustainable Farming Scheme

Masterclasses



1 Masterclass: Breaking down the barriers: grazing without fences:
What have you learned?
“How the use virtual fencing to improve and manage grazing.”
“Opportunities in conservation grazing with virtual fencing heat stress impact.”
Feedback:
“An excellent broad session, good discussion.”

Agrisgôp



39 Agrisgôp meetings have taken place



Meetings included:

- The two-day meeting was well supported and focused on networking and sharing regenerative farming practices. Farm walks encouraged open discussion, questions, and the exchange of new ideas, alongside an online session with Dr Allan Williams and an action learning session. Key themes included adaptive grazing, soil observation and testing, reducing inputs for sustainability, income transparency, and supporting mindset change through peer learning.
- The Agroforestry group had a session on propagating native trees from seed, followed by a “top tips” session from Mentor Tom Clare. We addressed some outstanding questions around agroforestry as well as discussing species selection and successful tree establishment in the context of climate change and future resilience.

Mentoring



Extracts from mentoring diaries include:

- 1. Species choice for shelter belt planting around orchard, species choice for riparian planting / tree barn. Scrapes for ephemeral ponds. Ideas on how to deal with a large patch of rush. Appropriate grass species for wetland grazing.
- 2. We continued working through the CoAP workbook and supported mentee to complete the Nutrient Management Plan.

