

Improving Water Quality Case Study

Thanks to funding from the Environment Agency's Water Environment Improvement Fund (WEIF), we were able to partner with a local farmer to improve water quality on their land. After a collaborative walkover and assessment, we provided a detailed plan of potential interventions. The farmer chose to install new riparian fencing and alternative cattle drinking points along the western beck. The results have been fantastic: the beck is now naturally regenerating with riverside vegetation, significantly reducing soil erosion and cutting diffuse phosphate pollution by controlling livestock access. This is a perfect example of how a simple, targeted intervention can deliver major environmental benefits while supporting the farmer's operational needs.



Livestock previously had access to becks 6 months a year.



Drinking access is now controlled via these drinking pens.



Results of riparian fencing have been clear to see in comparison to non-fenced section.



Plans for riparian woodland planting between new fence lines have been discussed subject to further funding opportunities.