

Herefordshire Natural Flood Management Project: Project at a glance

What are the project aims?

To work collaboratively with landowners and communities within seven priority sub-catchments, identifying opportunities to work with natural processes to slow the flow of water within the catchment and reduce the flood risk to downstream communities.

How is the project funded?

A total of £1,273,600 has been secured until 31 March 2027. This Environment Agency funding comprises Flood Defence Grant in Aid and Local Regional Flood Risk Management Committee monies.

What are we delivering?

Natural Flood Management (NFM) seeks to move away from traditional flood defence techniques and instead focuses on using natural processes and land management measures to both slow the flow of water and temporarily store water within the catchment. Collectively, NFM measures can help to reduce the flood peak and subsequent flood risk to downstream communities. Examples of the different types of NFM can be found at: www.herefordshire.gov.uk/nfm

The project is also conducting research and monitoring, helping gather evidence to develop our understanding of NFM and its multiple benefits.

Who will deliver this project?

As the project lead, Herefordshire Council are responsible for managing and ensuring the successful delivery of this project.

Project funded, Catchment advisors from the [Wye and Usk Foundation](http://www.wyeanduskfoundation.org) and [Severn Rivers Trust](http://www.severn-rivers-trust.org) are engaging with landowners within the NFM catchment areas, offering them free tailored advice about the NFM opportunities on their land as well as providing them with support to obtain grant funding to deliver the recommended NFM.

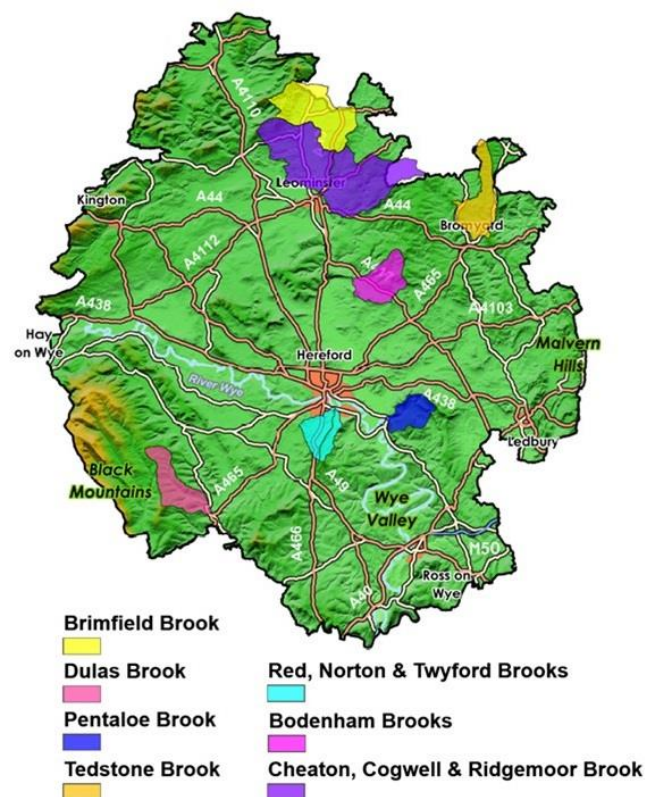
A multi-agency project steering group meets on a quarterly basis, offering project oversight as well as opportunities to share best practice and ensure a collaborative approach to NFM delivery is achieved in Herefordshire.

Who can I contact to find out more?

Herefordshire Council's NFM Project Officer
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Where are we working?

The project will be working in the seven NFM catchment areas mapped below. Thanks to the support of local landowners and communities during the River Wye and Lugg NFM Pilot project (2018 to March 2021), a wide variety of NFM measures are already in place within the catchments, however there is a lot more we can do within these catchments to reduce the flood risk. This project seeks to continue the good work and deliver more NFM opportunities within the catchments.



Is there money available to pay for NFM?

Yes, through the project we have set up the NFM Construction Grant Scheme which provides financial support to landowners who wish to implement NFM on land within the seven catchment areas. To find out more, please visit: www.herefordshire.gov.uk/nfmgrant

Funding is also available through other Agri-Environmental grant schemes such as Countryside Stewardship and Sustainable Farming Incentive. The project's Catchment Advisors are able to provide advice and support on grant funding for NFM.