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Subject: What is Chesterfield Climate Alliance up to these days

Hi everybody,

Some of you will be on the mailing list for Chesterfield and District Flood Action Group and will know that since March this year we have been focussing on floods and other emergencies made more likely by the climate crisis.

We held a webinar on Natural Flood Management on 10th April (recording at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NE7oxWcDzHo>)

We met with Cllr Judy Staton, responsible for floods and emergencies and Clare Ames, who covers Chesterfield on the Local Resilience Forum. We also talked to MP Toby Perkins.

More recently we visited the Environment Agency's Avenue Flood Storage Site on 24th July. The report of that visit is attached.

We have also been working with Links CVS to engage voluntary and community groups in conversations about climate change. I facilitated a workshop on Preparing for Emergencies on 15 July.

We continue to support Chesterfield Borough Council's efforts toward carbon neutrality and have a seat on the Climate Change Forum <https://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/health-and-environment/weather-and-climate-change/climate-change/>

If you would like to know more about any of this, please get in touch.

Do you own land? I have been asked by Debbie Coldwell of the Don Catchment Rivers Trust to pass on this call to landowners in the area.

The Don Catchment Rivers Trust (DCRT) are looking for landowners who are keen to help tackle the climate emergency. There are a number of management options and measures that can be installed that help reinstate or mimic natural processes so that land is better able to capture and store rainfall. This can not only help to reduce flood risk, but can also be beneficial in times of drought. There are a wide variety of measures that can be considered to suit the land use (including farming), from improving soil management to reduce compaction and runoff, through to temporary or longer lasting water storage ponds.

Some preferable criteria are listed below. If you would like to find out more and be put in touch with DCRT to consider whether your land is suitable and if they can support you,

please get in touch with some basic details e.g. land holding size and location, current use, if you have ideas of what you'd like to do.

Helpful starter criteria

- Land sits within the Upper Rother Catchment (see attached map), includes areas upstream of Renishaw
- Minimum land area of 0.5 ha (1.2 acres)
- Land incorporates or is near to ditches, streams, rivers **or** has areas where water runs over or sits on the surface

Thanks, Debbie

Do get in touch and share your thoughts on climate matters. Or if you no longer want to be on this mailing list, let me know,

Best wishes,

Steph