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We are writing to you as a farmer or land manager in the River Kent catchment (including the rivers Mint, Sprint and Gowan) to tell you about a new project currently underway in your area.

The '**LIFE R4ever Kent**' project aims to help make the River Kent Special Area of Conservation more resilient to environmental pressures, with a particular focus on populations of Freshwater Pearl Mussel, White-clawed Crayfish, Salmon, Trout and Bullhead.

We have **funding to work with farmers** in the catchment to help support the work that is already being done to care for and maintain this special environment. This includes:

- free **advice on accessing environmental land management schemes**, such as Countryside Stewardship and the Sustainable Farming Incentive
- **funding for physical river restoration work**, including fully funded fencing and tree planting on farms, and other restoration works (such as removal of redundant features, de-culverting and flood plain reconnection) that would support fish migration and the health of the river
- free **workshops and farm advice sessions**, see overleaf for the current programme of events, beginning with '**Optimising Farm Resources: Soil, Plants, Livestock**' with Charlie Morgan Grassmaster Ltd at the Bryce Institute on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of July

To find out more about the project and to explore the opportunities, events and workshops open to farmers and landowners, visit our website [www.r4everkent.co.uk](http://www.r4everkent.co.uk), follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram, send us an email at [hello@r4everkent.co.uk](mailto:hello@r4everkent.co.uk), or call one of our project officers via the details below.

We look forward to hearing from you,

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## Upcoming FREE events and workshops for River Kent catchment farmers

11<sup>th</sup> July | 10am to 3pm | The Bryce Institute, Burneside

### Optimising Farm Resources: Soil, Plants, Livestock

Charlie Morgan Grassmaster Ltd is a farm advisor and independent grassland and forage specialist, delivering technical forage advice based on sound scientific research and agricultural and environmental best practice.

Join Charlie to learn more about soil husbandry, muck & fertiliser, plants and grazing. With a field visit after lunch to get hands-on, digging pits and looking at soil profiles. You can also bring your own spade samples with you for a detailed inspection. With plenty of opportunity for questions and discussion.

*Pie and peas lunch provided*

Book your place at: [www.R4everKent11-07.eventbrite.com](http://www.R4everKent11-07.eventbrite.com). Or drop us an email at [hello@r4everkent.co.uk](mailto:hello@r4everkent.co.uk)

Two dates: 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November

### Weatherproof Farming

Sustainable farming expert Niels Corfield talks about the fundamentals of soil health and how your most precious resource can be managed to provide increased resilience and improve your bottom line.

9th November | 7:30pm to 9pm | Ings Village Hall  
*Hosted by Ambleside and District Farmer's Discussion Group  
(Discussion Group Members don't need to book)*

*Tea & sandwiches afterwards*

Book your place at: [www.R4everKent09-11.eventbrite.com](http://www.R4everKent09-11.eventbrite.com)

10th November | 10:30am to 3pm | Skelsmergh Community Hall  
*With farm visit and soil health assessment demonstration*

*Pie and peas lunch provided*

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Throughout the year, by arrangement

### Freshwater Pearl Mussel Species Recovery Centre Tours *Freshwater Biological Association, Ferry Landing West, Windermere*

Come along with other River Kent catchment farmers and learn about the lifecycle of the Freshwater Pearl Mussel and see the species recovery and freshwater research in action

Email [hello@r4everkent.co.uk](mailto:hello@r4everkent.co.uk) to register your interest in visiting the centre.