

Southern Streams Programme of Events 2024 -2026

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Date	Training activities	Description
Jan 2024	Tree sparrows and supplementary feeding	Following case study of the Marlborough Downs farmers who managed to recover tree sparrow populations. We will be talking about location of resources and supplement feeding.
Feb 2024	Farm emissions – Livestock and Machinery	Managing livestock and machinery to improve efficiency and welfare
March/April 2024	CS/ELMs Policy update & diversification	Update on policy changes and subsidies
May 2024	Multispecies leys	Using herbal leys to reduce medication of animals. Also their benefit to pollinators
June 2024	River meeting	Discussion on how to improve our waterways
Oct 2024	Composting and soil microbiology	Using organic fertilisers to create resilient soils
Nov-24	Managing small woods	Restoring woodlands for wildlife and diversifying income
Dec -24	Efficient storage and use of organic fertilisers	Best practice to get the most out of organic fertilisers
Jan-25	Future of farming with Climate Change.	The impact of climate change on systems and what to be aware of.
Feb-25	Ground nesting birds	Using fallow plots to support ground nesting birds such as lapwing, stone curlew and skylark
Apr-25	ELMs update & carbon	Update on policy changes and subsidies
May-25	Moths	Evening walk to understand the value of moths and do some identification
Jun-25	Winterbournes	Importance of winterbournes, even when they are dry.
Sep-25	Harvest mice	Finding and identifying harvest mice nests
Oct-25	Agroforestry	Using agroforestry as part of a productive system
Dec-25	Impact of chemicals on soil biology	Best practice and new techniques to reduce reliance on chemical applications
Feb-26	Tree Disease and protection & Woodland birds	Grants for removing and replacing trees as well as how to identify tree diseases and increase value for birds in woodland
Apr-26	ELMs update	Update on policy changes and subsidies
May-26	Alternative crops	How diversifying cropping can support the rotation and increase resilience to climate change

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Past events:

Sparkling Streams project - Action for the River Kennet

Hedges, Birds and Bees - Natural England

Calculating Carbon - Carbon Cutting Toolkit

Woodlands for Wildlife - Richard Charles

Invertebrates in Arable and Grassland -Sally-Anne Spence
(entomologist)

New techniques in organic arable farming - John Pawsey

Bird Identification skills - Peter Thompson

Sprayer filling areas and biobeds/biofilters – Wessex Rivers
Trust

The Ecologist Agronomist - Edaphos

Chalk streams – Action for River Kennet

Orchids and Chalk grassland - Rob Nicholls & Sue Clarke,
Butterfly Conservation Trust

Hedgerows management – People’s Trust for Endangered
Species

Introduction to soil assessments and soil management
plans - Soil Mentor

Farm Emissions - Carbon Toolkit