

Nene & Welland Catchment Partnership



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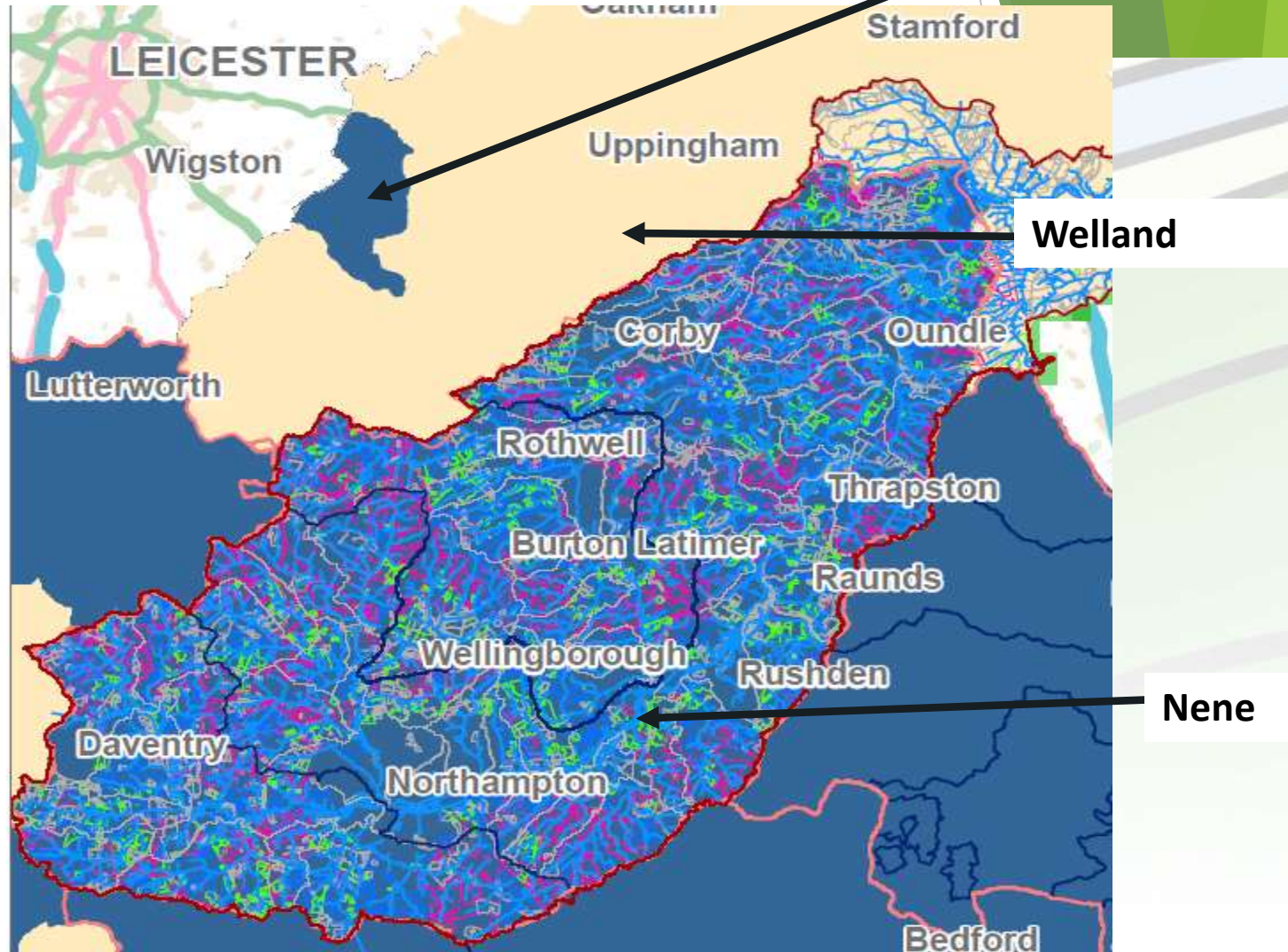
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What is being done locally?



Nene and upper Welland CSF Catchment Partnership



Catchment Partnership

- ▶ Natural England - Nigel Simpson RBC
- ▶ Welland Rivers Trust - Chris Stoate
- ▶ Wildlife Trust - Matt Johnson
- ▶ Environment Agency - Jo Gass
- ▶ River Nene Regional Park - Georgina Wallis, Kathryn Hardcastle, Caroline Arnold, Viktor Tzikas
- ▶ Anglian Water - Joanne Pollock, Tom Edmondson, Richard Reynolds

Nene and upper Welland CSF Catchment Partnership

- CSF partnership in Nene since 2009 - expanded 2015 to include Stonton Brook and lower Nene
- Water quality issues - sediment, phosphate and pesticides
- Drinking water safeguard zones, SSSIs and GES failures
- Harpers Brook in Nene catchment - Woodlands4Water priority - pilot area

Key Successes

- ▶ Engaged with a significant number of key farmers since 2009
- ▶ Run lots of events - turn out over 50 at some!!
- ▶ Woodlands 4 Water
- ▶ Phopshate Monitoring
- ▶ Partner visits
- ▶ FAF Specialist visits
- ▶ Countryside Stewardship uptake - 30 + in 2016 received CSFO endorsement
- ▶ Other research steering advice (GWCT at Loddington) the local farmer network (e.g. Arable Business Group) into plans for future research through AHDB and EU funded projects. Ensures farmer relevance and buy-in.

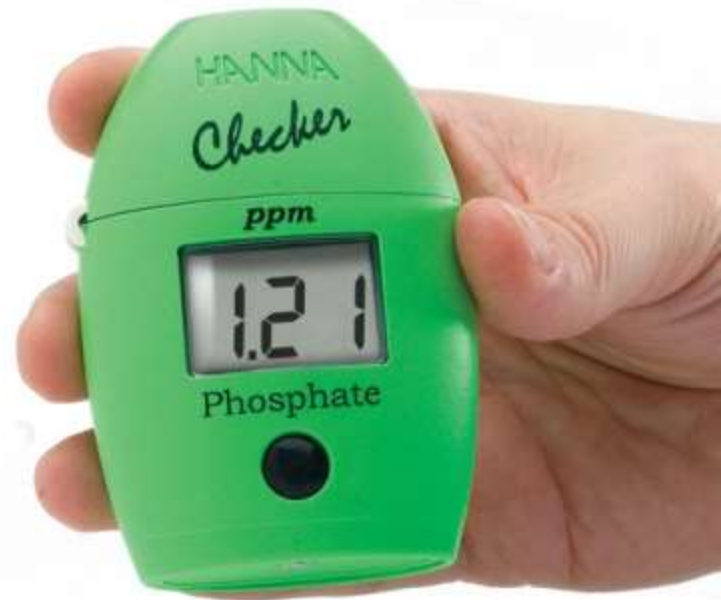
Woodlands 4 Water

- ▶ Joint project between CSF & Forestry Commission
- ▶ Harpers Brook in Nene chosen as a priority for both water quality and woodland creation for water quality
- ▶ Adviser training day - success
- ▶ Farmers workshop - success!
- ▶ Joint visits in progress



Phosphate Monitoring

- ▶ Set up in sub-catchment in the Nene
- ▶ 5 kits currently in use
- ▶ Summary event at end of spring
- ▶ Test kits checked for accuracy against GWCT project sampling



Slug-it-Out

- ▶ Anglian Water trial around key drinking water reservoirs including Pitsford, Ravensthorpe, Hollowell in Nene & Rutland in Welland
- ▶ Requires 100% uptake from farmers & contractors
- ▶ Has been a success in both catchments with reduction in Metaldehyde levels seen

Our Plans Going Forwards

- ▶ A range of specialist visits for 2017/18
- ▶ Events planned include ditch management, cross compliance update, grassland management, agronomist intro to CSF, RB209 update
- ▶ Continued partner visits; AW focussing around reservoirs, EA can assist with big issue guidance, WT focus on key biodiversity areas in catchment
- ▶ Targeted engagement with ELS engagement. Working with NE Land Advisers to pick up relevant HLS expiries

Thank you for your time

Any questions/suggestions?

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