

- We need to know what is really happening on farms so we can come to an independent view as to whether manures and livestock pose a threat to water quality
- ALL information you provide is strictly **CONFIDENTIAL** and will **NOT** be passed on
- This project is funded by the UK research councils under the Rural Economy and Land Use Programme (RELU)



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Your feedback is essential.
 Each area in the Taw catchment will be visited by one of the team in the near future – **don't miss out** on this opportunity to have your say about recycling manure and management practices!



Recycling Livestock Manure to Land



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Recycling animal manures to land is a farming tradition. It maintains soil fertility and saves on the costs of buying bagged fertilisers. Where else would you put it?

So what's the problem?

Poor management of manures and/or livestock

Pollution of watercourses

Spread of disease – by bathing in contaminated waters or eating polluted shellfish

Negative effects on tourism and shell fisheries plus the overall environment and livelihoods.

PLUS: NEGATIVE PUBLICITY FOR THE REGION'S LIVESTOCK FARMERS



- Devon relies on good farming practices
- This project will investigate and identify the most effective and economic methods of manure and livestock management

But we can't do it alone!

We are asking farmers in the Taw catchment for their help



A small thank you...

We will offer a **FREE** slurry or manure nutrient analysis (worth £60) to any farmer who takes part in this project, **PLUS** provide the latest information on how best to manage your manure.

How the project will work...

- We want to meet with you and hear your views
- Focus groups will be established to discuss the best methods for minimising the pollution of watercourses in the area
- We will select 10 farms to help us monitor effluent flows and farming practice (through experimentation with management practices – all costs borne by the project)
- At the end of our assessment we will have looked at:
 - Costs and benefits to farmers
 - Practical farm management solutions
 - Impacts on local communities and associated industries



By helping us, we can help you.