

Lunch activity feedback

What does community resilience mean to you?

- Collective understanding of the risks and how and when to take actions to reduce the impact and recover quickly
- Both protected by measures (projects, FAS, NFM, SUDS etc) but increased awareness if how they can help themselves and other both nearby and further away
- Local investment / ownership / responsibility

How can we support our communities to achieve resilience?

- Make it an integral and funded part of any engineering scheme
- Partnerships with existing large organisations e.g. insurance, risk assessment, expertise etc.
- 2-way dialogue
- Information
- Less red tape
- Support
- NFM can feel overwhelming, and some communities may be out of before event starting. Need better guidance and toolkits

Do you have any examples of successful community involvement around nature Based Solutions?

- Anglers groups – often happy to continue work, bought into NFM with flow deflectors and carried out riparian planting
- Example of environmental enhancement that used NFM – local environmental groups keen to improve land in an engineered scheme but council unwilling/ didn't prioritise purchasing land so now use is restricted to landowner wants/needs and opportunity lost (when compared o landowner will be quadruple the cost)
- Establishment of local groups e.g. independent wildlife or conservation trusts
- Reserve and national parks
- Collingham NFM
- Bishopdale NFM
- River Helm Connections
- Moors 4 the future

How can we close the gap between top-down and bottom-up delivery of NFM?

- More CoP events
- When delivering engineering projects and community with the public use the opportunity to explore NFM opportunities including awareness and knowledge
- In volunteer days with engineering projects use that as a chance to talk about engineered schemes
- Transparent decision making with community ground thinking

- Catchment partnerships and GOBS for community people
- Getting engineers (traditionally involved with traditional flood defences) to understand perspectives of farmers and landowners
- Availability and funding for individuals interested stakeholders and landowners as most is centred around large schemes and big capital projects
- Regular stakeholder meetings to share ideas and compare aims and outcomes