



LIFE R4ever Kent

Event summary

Title: Rotational Grazing

Date: 11/02/25

Speakers: Colin Bateman & Richard Carruthers (Farmers).

Location: Kendal Rugby Club, Kendal

Programme:

6:30pm to 7:00pm – Registration and food

7:00pm to 8:30pm – Presentations by Colin Bateman & Richard Carruthers, facilitated by Karl Pendlebury, with Q&A at end

8:30pm to 8:45pm – Brief introduction to R4ever Kent project by Richard Park

Purpose:

To promote the benefits of rotational grazing and explain the process of moving toward a rotational grazing system. Rotational grazing can lead to better soil health with improved water infiltration and lower fertiliser requirement. One of the 10 water pollution workshops.

The workshop was jointly funded by LIFE R4ever Kent and Natural England's Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF), but undertaken in collaboration with The Farmer Network (TFN). It was one of a series that were run by TFN and CSF around Cumbria.

Promotion:

Event was promoted by TFN to their members and on their social media.

Promotion by the project included emailing it to the full mailing list from the R4ever Kent account. 24 of the farms were also selected to whom flyers were posted to them. Flyers were also emailed to six of these.

Contacts at the NFU and EA were made aware of the event, though it's not known what onward promotion they undertook.



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Bookings were managed by TFN and taken through Eventbrite, though several attendees requested a place by contacting TFN directly.

Attendees:

- **32** farmers/land managers
- **3** Natural England farm advisors
- **6** Organisers/presenters (LIFE R4ever Kent, TFN, AHDB, CSF, Richard Carruthers and Colin Bateman)

Feedback:

Feedback was collated by TFN and was generally positive.

No farmers requested follow-up visits by LIFE R4ever Kent on their feedback forms.

Summary notes and impressions:

There seemed to be a good level of interest and engagement during the event. The speakers gave interesting descriptions of their experiences and grazing journey. The facilitation role by Karl Pendlebury was useful in stimulating discussion and teasing out additional detail.

During the workshop there was plenty of discussion and a lot of questions.

The Rugby Club venue was suitable, with no issues identified.



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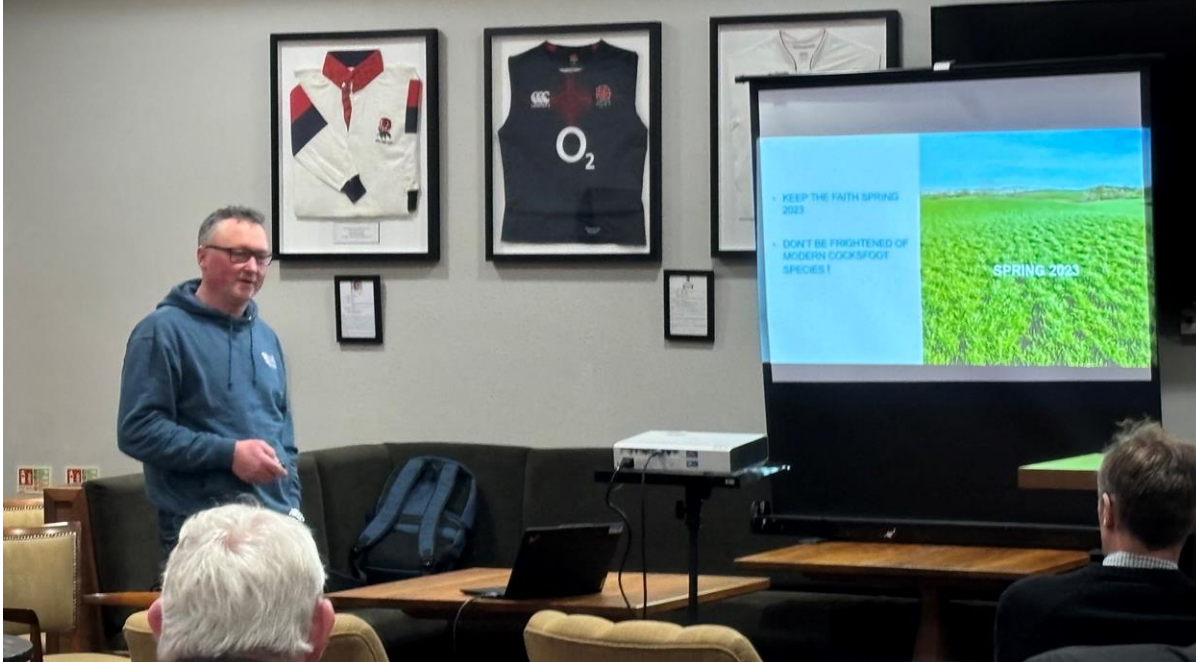
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