



Rivers' Forum 4

— Collaboration ■ Communication ■ Coordination —

**Partnership working is essential
to deliver change at scale**

*Microplastics and Toxic Chemicals,
Rivers' Forum 3, 2025*

**Data transparency is critical
to building trust**

*What should we ask of government?
working group, Rivers' Forum 3, 2025*

**Build more climate resilience into
water resource plans**

*Food vs Nature working group,
Rivers' Forum 3, 2025*

**Emphasis on outcomes,
not just policy**

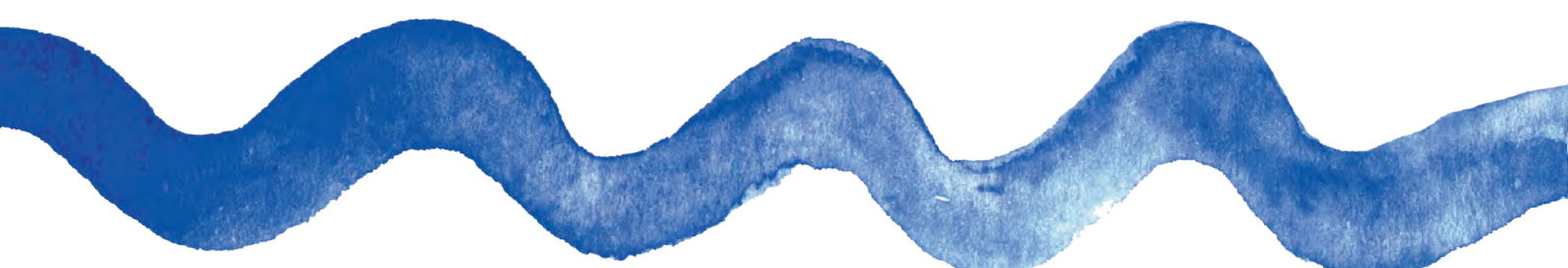
*What should the future of water policy be?
working group, Rivers' Forum 3, 2025*

Rivers' Forum Programme

Tuesday – 12 May 2026

- 07.45 **BREAKFAST**
- 09.00 **Introduction** – *Sir Malcolm Rifkind and Gilly Norton*
- 09.05 **Environment Agency** – *Alan Lovell*
- 09.30 **Giving Britain's rivers their wiggle back** – *Anne Reaney, Rebalance Earth*
- 09.50 **River Deep Mountain AI** – *Dr Zoe Frogbrook, Northumbrian Water*
- 10.10 **Smarter Evidence, Healthier Rivers: Putting eDNA to Work at Catchment Scale**
– *Nature Metrics*
- 10.30 **COFFEE**
- 10.45 **Tackling the Challenge of Water Scarcity in the South East** – *Sandra Norval and Sam Underwood, Southern Water*
- 11.10 **Too Much, Too Little: Rethinking Water Resilience in the UK**
 - *Richard Benwell, Wildlife & Countryside Link* ■ *David Henderson, Water UK*
 - *Ruth Jefferson, Wessex Water* ■ *Alan Lovell, Environment Agency**Facilitated by Mark Lloyd, The Rivers Trust*
- 11.55 **Working Groups**
- 12.55 **LUNCH**
- 13.40 **UK Water Reform: Who Pays? Who Benefits? What Changes?**
 - *Lord Gove, The Spectator* ■ *Pippa Heylings MP, Liberal Democrats* • *Mark Lloyd, The Rivers Trust*
 - *Natalie Prosser, Office for Environmental Protection* ■ *Adam Vaughan, The Times**Facilitated by Richard Benwell, Wildlife and Countryside Link*
- 14.25 **Working Groups**
- 15.25 **COFFEE**
- 15.40 **Agricultural Water Pollution Strategy** – *James Wallace, River Action*
- 15.50 **How can policy and regulation create river-friendly farming?**
 - *Matthew Doran, Countryside Land and Business Association* ■ *Rebecca Kimber-Danger, Fowler Fortescue* ■ *Martin Lines, Nature-Friendly Farming Network**Facilitated by James Wallace, River Action*
- 16.35 **Working Groups**
- 17.35 **Day 1 Summary** – *Sir Malcolm Rifkind and Gilly Norton*

18.00 **DRINKS RECEPTION** 19.00 **DINNER**



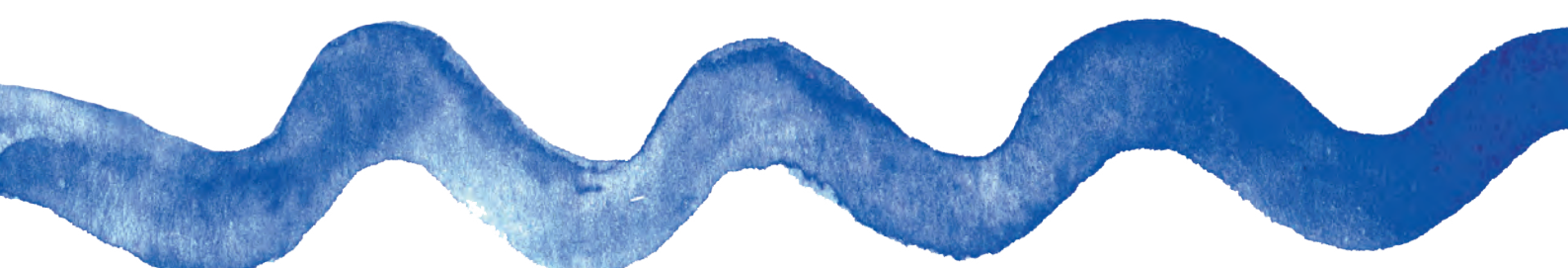
Wednesday – 13 May 2026

- 07.45 **BREAKFAST**
- 09.00 **Welcome** – *Sir Malcolm Rifkind*
- 09.05 **Regenerating Landscapes Through Nature and Collaboration** – *Becky Carter, Anglian Water*
- 09.20 **Pollution, Plastics and PFAS: The Next Frontier in Water Quality**
 - *Prof. Bryan Brooks, Baylor University* ■ *Prof. Alistair Boxall, University of York*
 - *Andy Roberts, Coln Restoration Group* ■ *Chloe Topping, Chem Trust*
 - Facilitated by Mark Bilsby, Atlantic Salmon Trust*
- 10.05 **Discussion Groups**
- 11.05 **COFFEE**
- 11.20 **Can Citizen Science Count? AI, Data and the Future of UK River Monitoring**
 - *Dr. Robert Bradburne, Environment Agency* ■ *Rebecca Carter, Anglian Water*
 - *Mark Owen, Angling Trust* ■ *Dr. Zoë Frogbrook, Northumbrian Water*
 - Facilitated by Dr. Jack Hogan, Cain Bio-Engineering*
- 12.05 **Discussion Groups**
- 13.05 **Closing remarks** – *Sir Malcolm Rifkind and Gilly Norton*
- 13.20 **LUNCH AND DEPARTURE**

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