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If I were running for government next year (I'm not), I would think about putting these five things in my manifesto to help UK's rivers.

1. Payments for farmers to store water during floods to help during droughts.
 - Rainwater harvesting
 - Wetland creation.
 - Peat re-wetting



14

123

461

23K



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2. Legislation to stop soil erosion into rivers. Including:

- Sediment traps in field corners
- Payments for increasing soil organic matter
- Bring in soil regs in Wales similar to farming rules for water in England.





3

13

63

1.7K



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3.Retrofitting Sustainable drainage systems.

We need to manage the run-off from hard urban surfaces better, letting the water flow slowly into watercourses.

Could include:

- A requirement for SUD's on paved drives.
- A funded scheme to retrofit public buildings.



2

19

71

1.8K



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4. Funded community-led action plans for each river in the UK at a catchment scale.

Bring local people who know their rivers together with government agencies to identify the solutions and put them into action.

Fund it properly.

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12

48

1.4K



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5. Remove self-monitoring of regulation compliance for businesses.

All faith has been lost in asking businesses, particularly water companies to self-monitor against their legal water quality requirements.

Scrap it and regulate it independently.
