

Gloucestershire Severn Estuary Stakeholders (GlosSES)

- community-led forum formed in 2011
- brings together local farmers, landowners and private, public and government-run organisations three times a year
- information and views are exchanged on a number of topics relating to water and flood risk management
- area represented - between Over Bridge, Gloucester, and the mouth of the river Avon, South Gloucestershire
- sub-group, the Maintenance Working Group, addresses aspects raised at our main meetings in more detail

Through collaborative working GlosSES

- helps to deliver the timely maintenance and repair of tidal flood defence mechanisms
- increases awareness of poor practice which results in damage to earthen flood banks and the blockage of watercourses and their flood defence mechanisms
- continues to challenge the efficacy of some aspects of the current system of Flood Alerts and Warnings along the Severn Estuary
- ensures that collective concerns are addressed at local, regional and national level
- seeks to achieve the best possible outcomes for all stakeholders

The diverse membership of GlosSES helped win £60,000 from the Facilitation Fund for the setting up of the Severn Vale Guardians, a farmer/landowner collaboration which aims to achieve sustainable land management that builds on farming and community resilience and delivers biodiversity objectives. Gloucestershire Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group and the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust are key partners. Membership of the Severn Vale Guardians will enhance eligibility for Countryside Stewardship and provide access to better coordinated information regarding other funding opportunities.

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