River Bank Management Erosion

On some farms animals are given free access to the river and there are sometimes numerous stock access points in each field.

This can cause bankside erosion. If additional sediment enters the water courses wildlife habitats can be damaged.

over-widened, shallow, muddy channel

At the point of erosion the channel is often artificially wide, shallow and muddy which reduces its suitability for river wildlife.

Vulnerable banks can be fenced. Animals can still drink river water - you can give them restricted access to the river or supply river water to troughs.

stock fence
erected bankside plants
protect the soil
deep, cool,
clear water
fed to trough