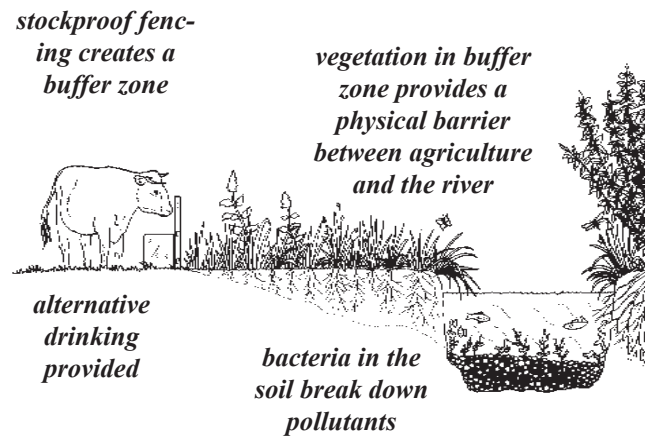


River Bank Management *Buffer Zones*

A buffer zone is a physical and chemical barrier between modern agriculture and the river.



Topsoil eroding from ploughed fields or stock feeding points is trapped in the vegetation before it reaches the watercourse.

Manures, fertilisers and pesticides cannot be accidentally spread directly into the watercourse.

Soil bacteria can break down pollutants before they reach the watercourse.