

Annex 1: Farming with Nature participant interview results

Results of interviews with a sample of 19 farmers and crofters (undertaken in June 2020) who had participated on Farming with Nature (KTIF/010/2016)

Event attendance and topics

How many Soil Association Scotland events have you attended?

What topic(s) was covered at the event(s) you attended?

Factors and experience

At the event(s) you attended, did any of the following factors contribute particularly positively or negatively to your experience?

Skills, knowledge and confidence

To what extent has your participation in an event(s) increased your knowledge, ability / skills and confidence to undertake sustainable land management?

Change in attitude

Did your participation in an event(s) change your attitude towards the following topics?

Please rate all that apply

Networks and relationships

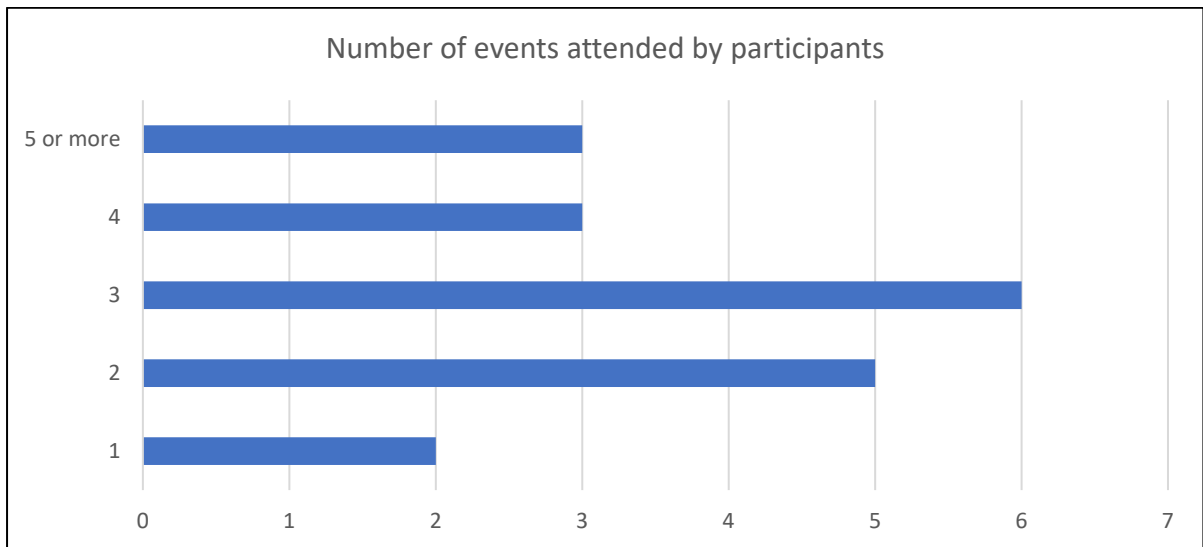
Did your participation in an event(s) allow you to form new networks and build relationships with other land managers and stakeholders?

Management changes

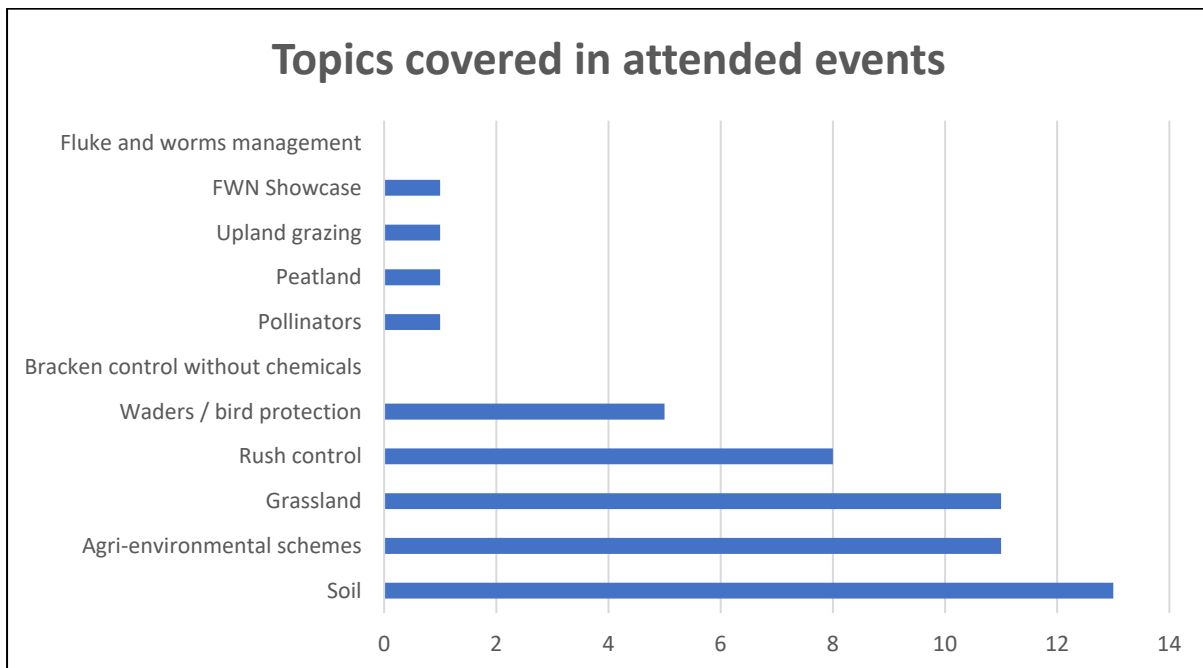
Have any management changes you made following your participation in an event(s) resulted in any benefits (environmental, social, economic / production etc)?

1. Event attendance and topics

How many Soil Association Scotland events have you attended?



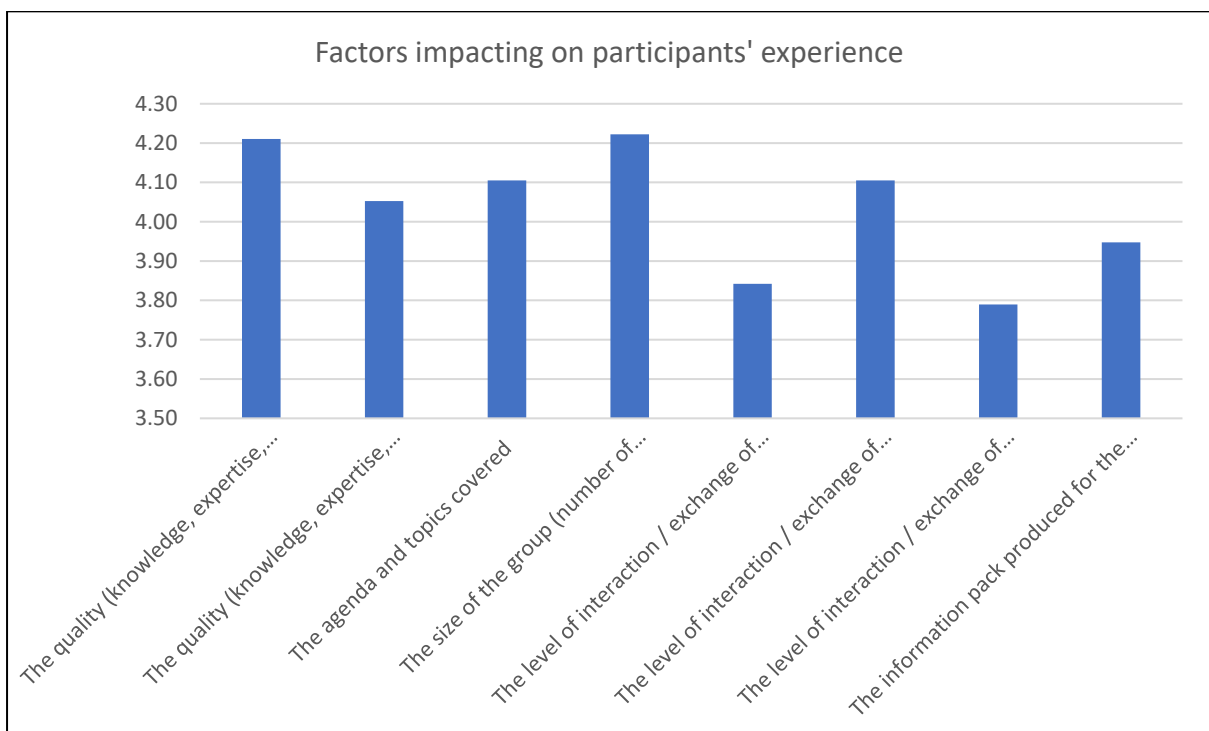
What topic(s) was covered at the event(s) you attended? (Farming with Nature programme)



2. Factors and experience

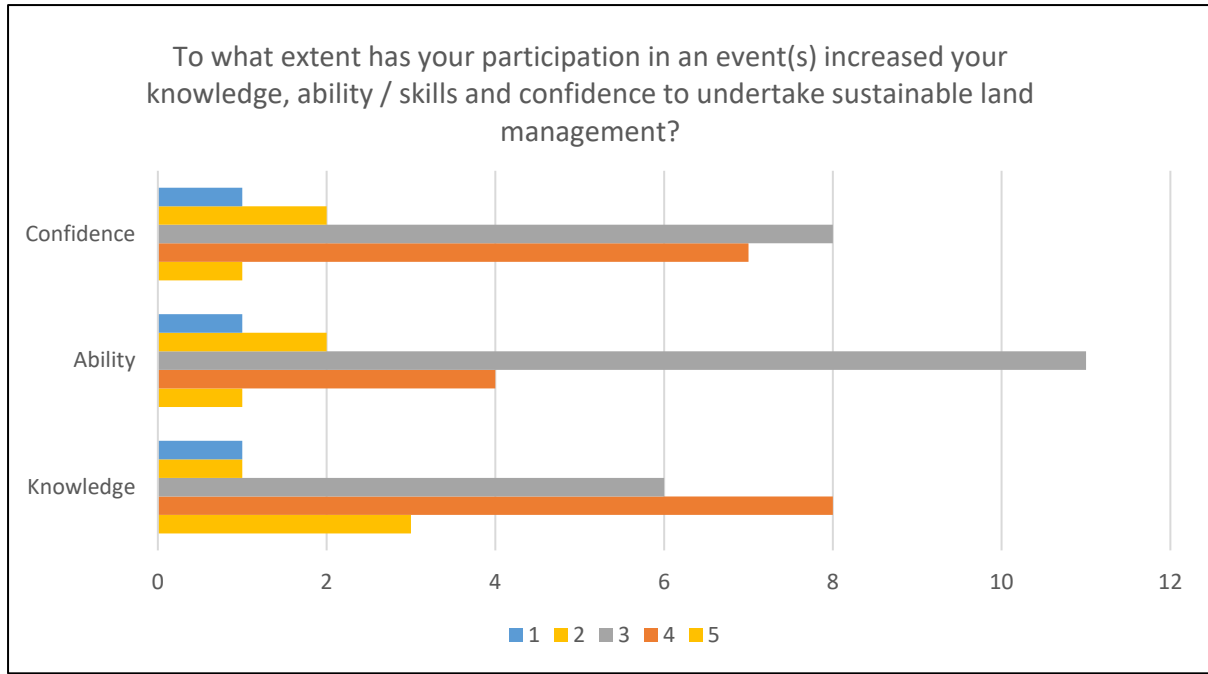
At the event(s) you attended, did any of the following factors contribute particularly positively or negatively to your experience? 1 is particularly negatively and 5 positively. Please rate all that apply. If you have attended more than one event, please try to rate the contribution of the factors overall

	The quality (knowledge, expertise, communication etc) of the specialist / researcher	The quality (knowledge, expertise, communication etc) of the Soil Association Scotland facilitator	The agenda and topics covered	The size of the group (number of participants)
Average	4.21	4.05	4.11	4.22
	The level of interaction / exchange of ideas between participants	The level of interaction / exchange of ideas between participants and the specialist / researcher	The level of interaction / exchange of ideas between participants and the Soil Association Scotland facilitator	The information pack produced for the event
Average	3.84	4.11	3.79	3.95



3. Skills, knowledge and confidence

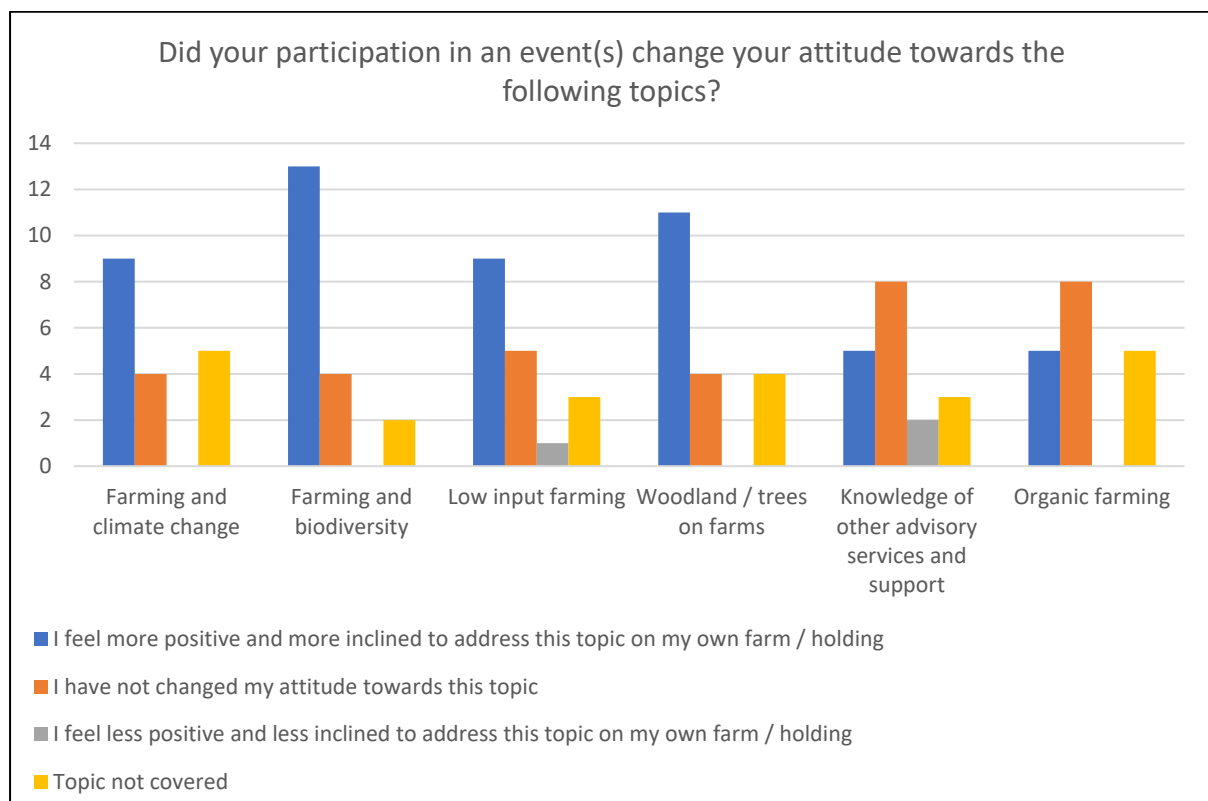
To what extent has your participation in an event(s) increased your knowledge, ability / skills and confidence to undertake sustainable land management? Where 1 is not at all and 10 is completely. If you have attended more than one event, please try to rate any increase(s) overall



4. Change in attitude

Did your participation in an event(s) change your attitude towards the following topics?
Please rate all that apply

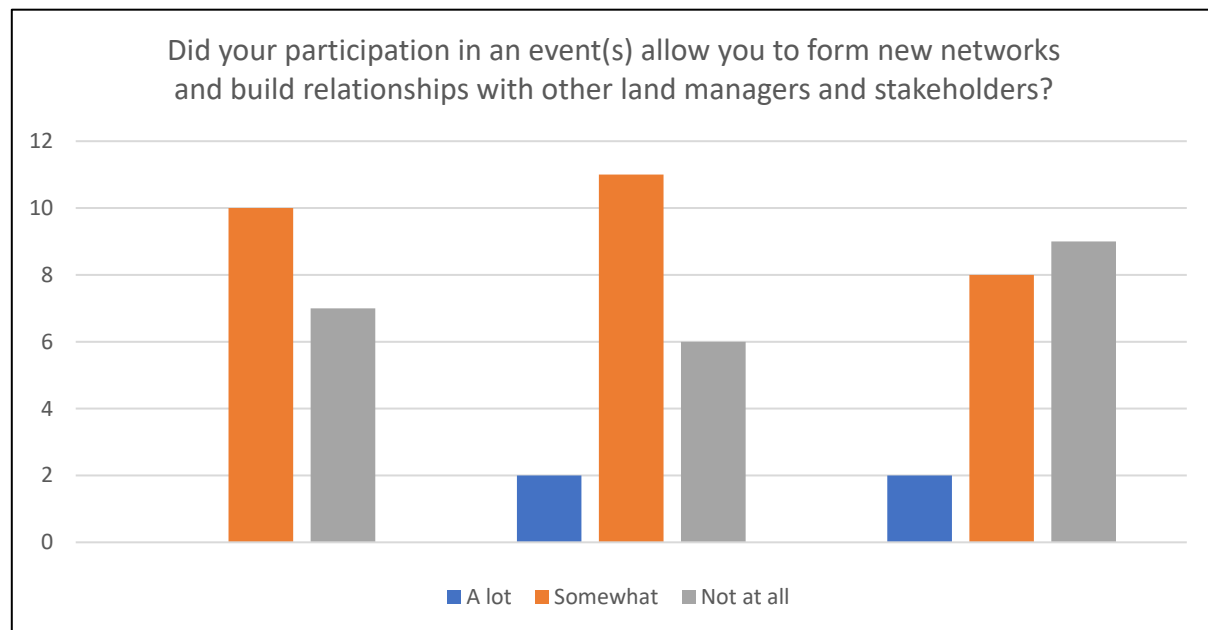
	Farming and climate change	Farming and biodiversity	Low input farming	Woodland / trees on farms	Knowledge of other advisory services and support	Organic farming
I feel more positive and more inclined to address this topic on my own farm / holding	9	13	9	11	5	5
I have not changed my attitude towards this topic	4	4	5	4	8	8
I feel less positive and less inclined to address this topic on my own farm / holding	0	0	1	0	2	0
Topic not covered	5	2	3	4	3	5
Blanks	2	1	2	1	2	2



5. Networks and relationships

Did your participation in an event(s) allow you to form new networks and build relationships with other land managers and stakeholders? Please rate all that apply. If you have attended more than one event, please try to record any formation of new networks / relationships overall

	Within your immediate farming community	Outwith your immediate farming community	With other stakeholders e.g. Scottish Government, companies / actors within the supply chain
A lot	0	2	2
Somewhat	10	11	8
Not at all	7	6	9
Blank	2	0	0



6. Management changes

Have any management changes you made following your participation in an event(s) resulted in any benefits (environmental, social, economic / production etc)? Please rate all that apply. If you have attended more than one event, please try to rate the achievement of benefits overall

	Soils	Biodiversity (including habitats and species)	Landscape	Water resources e.g. lochs, ponds, burns, groundwater
A lot	3	6	2	1
Somewhat	7	6	8	5
Not at all	4	3	3	4
Not relevant	3	2	3	5
Blank	0	0	1	2

	Reduction in emissions e.g. greenhouse gases, water and air pollutants	Social benefits (e.g. public health, access)	Profitability	Productivity
A lot	0	1	1	1
Somewhat	4	2	4	7
Not at all	5	9	7	5
Not relevant	6	3	4	3
Blank	2	2	1	1

