

# Dorset Wild Rivers 2020-2025 Achievement Highlights



The following highlights were delivered by the Dorset Wild Rivers partnership over the past five years. Our engagement work has led to greater awareness of the issues facing the water environment. Our advice and guidance has directly led to actions that have improved the ecological condition of the water environment.

## Engagement

- 13 parish council meetings
- At least 5000 hours of volunteer time
- 100 registered Water Guardians
- 70 registered Riverfly monitors
- 4 citizen science networks have been established
- 15 schools were engaged
- 4929 people engaged during project



### Trees

**9595**  
trees planted

## Restoration and enhancement

**1040ha**  
habitat improved or connected

### Habitat

**8.85ha**  
of habitat created

**107ha**  
of arable reversion or low-input grassland has been established in the Stour

**20.4ha**  
of non-native invasive species under management

**1.14km and 17.57ha**  
of habitat features created/improved

### Flood Storage

**15**  
sub-catchments where we are working with natural processes to reduce flood risk

**Over 100**  
NFM features created

## Advice and planning

**213** advisory visits to farms were delivered

**9** Farmer Cluster Groups have been facilitated

**97** action plans written



### Watercourse

**23.45km**  
of rivers and streams enhanced

## How are we funded?

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