

Dorset Wild Rivers 2022 - 2023

A partnership project which works catchment scale across Dorset to deliver biodiversity enhancements which support multi-functional freshwater environments.

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Where have we worked?

We work across the Poole Harbour, Stour and West Dorset Rivers and Coastal Streams Catchments

Stour Headwaters

River Allen

River Hooke

Corfe River

Devils Brook

Piddle Valley

River Asker

River Char

Wild Woodbury

Dorset Peat Partnership

Dorset Beaver Enclosed Study

What have we achieved?

2.13ha
habitat improved,
created and connected

1.25km
water course improved

156ha
land with measures to
improve water quality
herbal leys, cover crops

3.5km
ditches altered
through stage zero river
restoration at Wild Woodbury,
creating over **30ha**
of wetter land

2600m³
flood storage created
floodplain connectivity NFM scrapes

2194
trees planted

13.18km
water course condition
improved through river restoration,
leaky woody debris dams,
invasive species removal and
raparian tree management

53
new riverfly
monitors trained

How have we worked with farmers, landowners and communities?

- Advisory visits
- Farmer training
- Catchment plans
- Feasibility reports
- Soil management plans
- Nutrient management plans
- CS applications
- Wetland design
- Innovation trials
- Fish surveys
- Sediment monitoring

333
people engaged
webinars, workshops,
farm visits, volunteer tasks,
Riverfly training

How are we funded?

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