

DORSET WILD RIVERS

Work completed 2020-2021



WHO WE ARE

DORSET WILD RIVERS (DWR)



WHAT WE DO

We work on a catchment scale across Dorset to deliver biodiversity enhancements which support multi-functional freshwater water environments. We aim to:

- Enable **plants and animals to thrive**, especially in rivers and wetlands
- Deliver **clean water for the environment**, particularly through tackling rural diffuse pollution
- **Reduce flood risk** through working with natural processes
- **Engage with farmers, land managers and the wider community** in way that empowers them to take action
- Contribute to the conservation and enhancement of **Dorset's special landscapes**



OUR OTHER WORK



Farm advice and management reports, Countryside Stewardship applications, innovation trials.



Volunteer tasks, community engagement including schools and parish councils, press and publicity, riverfly monitoring training

WHAT WE ACHIEVED IN 2020-2021

5.7ha wetland habitat created and improved

6796m riparian tree management to improve a water course

1440m hedge planting to improve habitat connectivity

4946 trees planted to improve wet woodland

460m track improvements to address soil erosion and sediment in rivers

3.77m³ flood storage created

165 people engaged

FUNDING

Core funding is from Wessex Water Foundation Partners Programme. This year an additional £193,930 has been secured.



For every **£1** of funding received by **Wessex Water** another **£9.70** has been spent from additional funding secured.

CATCHMENTS WE IMPROVED IN 2020-2021

Poole Harbour Catchment - Corfe Valley, River Win, Devils Brook, River Hooke, Piddle Valley

West Dorset Rivers and Coastal Streams - including River Asker, River Char, River Brit

Stour Catchment - Stour Headwaters, River Allen

Ringwood Forest - Sleep Brook Tributary



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