

River Stour Phosphorus Reduction Scheme

Round 3 now open for applications

Funding is available to farmers and land managers in the Blackmore Vale and Middle Stour for adopting practices that reduce phosphorus inputs to farmland, prevent soil erosion and buffer watercourses from run-off.

Apply for funding for:

- Fencing to exclude livestock from watercourses.
- Grassland subsoiling.
- Undersowing grass into maize.
- Growing cover crops after maize.
- Growing cover crops after combinable crops.
- Establishing new or wider arable buffer strips.
- Arable reversion to zero-input grass.
- Arable reversion to low/medium-input grass.
- Arable reversion to legume fallow.
- Arable reversion to herbal ley.
- Cross-slope hedgerow creation.

**New
for 2023**

Increased payment
rates for new 6m arable
buffer strips alongside
watercourses and
ditches

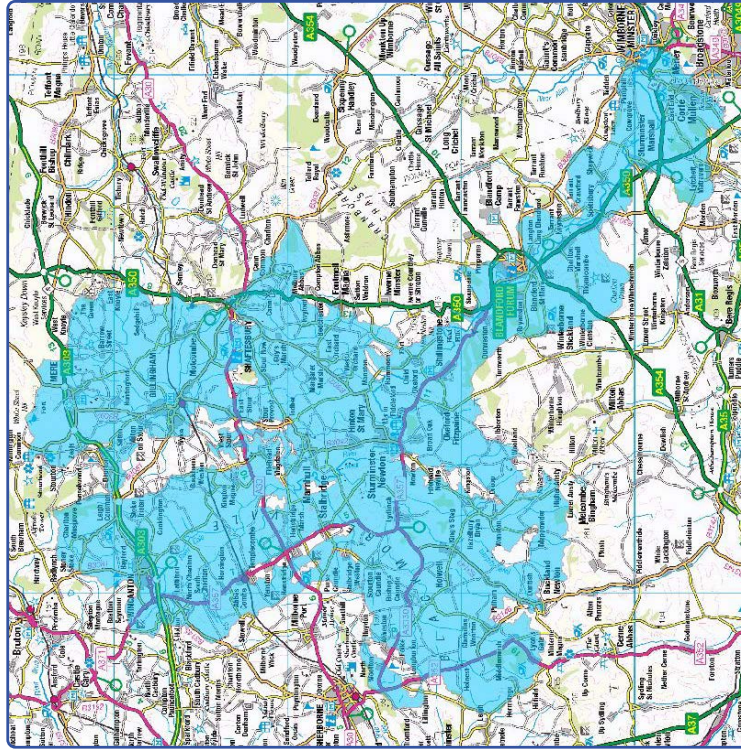
For more information, including zoomable maps of eligible areas, terms, conditions, payment rates and how to apply: **wessexwater.co.uk/river-stour-phosphorus** or email: riverstourphos@wessexwater.co.uk

"After a friendly informative visit, an agreement was reached regarding which parts of the river we should fence. The grant available covered the costs of the fencing contractor and the final settlement was quickly paid. I would recommend this project to any farmer wanting to protect their stock and riverbanks."
Livestock farmer engaged with the Phosphorus Reduction Scheme.

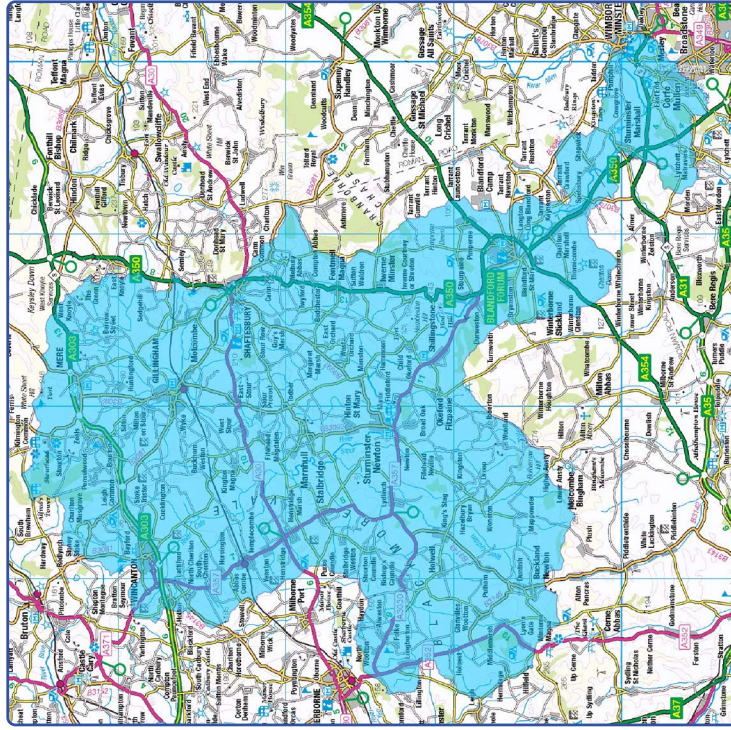


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Priority area (the area eligible for all types of funding)



Wider target area (the area eligible for funding for watercourse fencing only)

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