

River Stour Phosphorus Reduction Scheme

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:

- 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 grassland
- Cross-slope hedgerow creation
- Tree planting, especially alongside watercourses
- Pond, sediment trap and wetland creation

Expressions of interest invited for funding for:

- Infrastructure options including:
 - New covered farmyard manure stores
 - New or replacement guttering and downpipes on farm buildings
 - Installation of cross drains on farm tracks

**New
for 2024**

Increased payment rates for arable reversion options and cover crops including undersowing grass into maize.

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

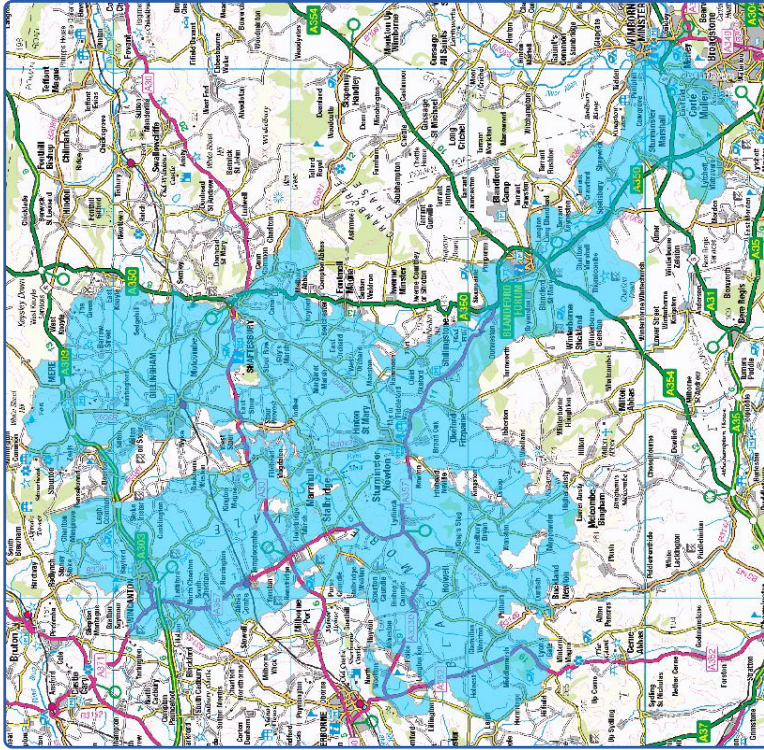
"The main advantage of the scheme for me is that it is flexible. I can apply each year at the point when I know what my rotation will be"

Farmer engaged with Phosphorus Reduction Scheme

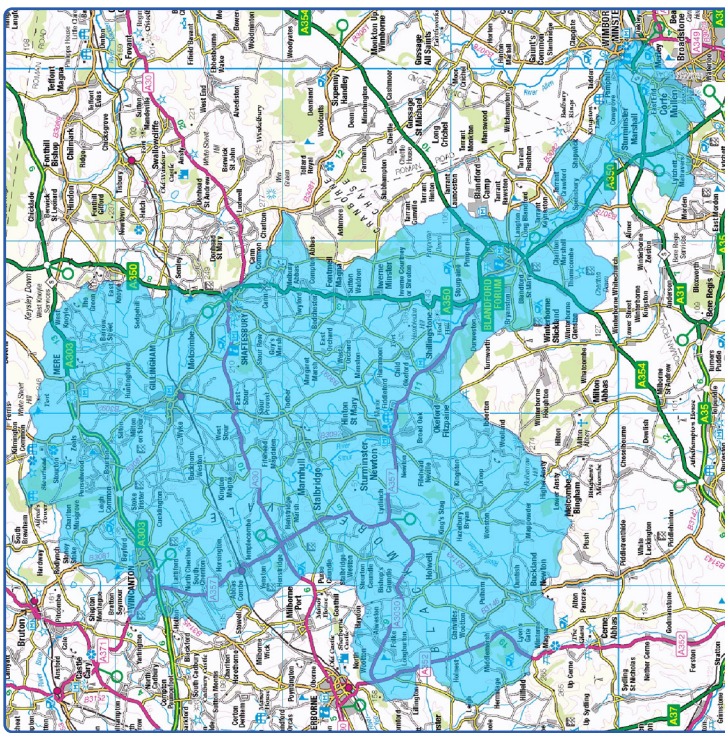


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Priority area (the area eligible for all types of funding)



Wider target area (the area eligible for funding for watercourse fencing, pond, wetland and in-ditch features and some farm infrastructure options only)

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