

Dorset Wild Rivers 2023 - 2024

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

River Char

River Asker

Wider Brit Catchment

River Allen

Devils Brook

Corfe River

Wareham Arc

Stour Headwaters

Frome Headwaters

Dorset Peat Partnership Project

Tadnoll and Winfrith Heath

Enclosed Beaver Project Study

Wild Woodbury



What have we achieved?

52ha
Habitat improved

3.5ha
Habitat created

2.36km
Watercourse improved

618ha
Habitat connectivity

100
Trees planted

939m
Habitat feature created

15.3ha
Habitat feature improved

4.4ha
Invasive non native species control

49ha
Land subject to erosion control

100
Water Guardians registered surveying 154km river

60
Trained Riverfly Monitors over 50 sites

2
Successful Landscape Recovery bids supported

2
Successful Natural Flood Management bids

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
- Sediment monitoring
- Brash bundling

1813
people engaged
webinars, workshops,
farm visits, volunteer tasks,
Riverfly training

How are we funded?

Core funding from Wessex Water Foundation Partners Programme enables Dorset Wild Rivers to secure additional match funding.

During 2023-2024 an additional **£393,880** has been secured.

For every **£1** spent funded by Wessex Water another **£19.70** has been spent from additional funding.

