

Looking back and looking forward: 2016/2017

Poole Harbour
Catchment Initiative

Looking back: 2016 round up

Some highlights for the partnership for 2016:

- The Dorset Wildlife Trust, FBA and Riverfly partnership in Dorset, thanks to funding from Wessex Water Small Grant Scheme, have been developing an **Extended Riverfly Monitoring Scheme** with training and a new booklet.
- **Education and engagement** has been a key part of our programme this year, promoting the partnership and raising awareness of catchments and how people can have an impact at a range of events including the **Purbeck School Science Fair and the Thomas Hardy Family Festival**.
- We have assisted the Dorset Studio School in securing funding and the delivery of their **“Flowers, Flies and Flows”** project and have supported Kingston Maurward on their **“Understanding Freshwater and Wetland Management”** course.
- Working with the **Dorchester Fishing Club**, in-river and riparian works to improve habitats for coarse fish, eels and trout between Cuckoo Pound and Gasgoyne Bridge in Dorchester has been delivered thanks to the **Fisheries Improvement Fund**.
- Highlights from the agricultural group’s calendar include a number of Wessex Water and CSF events for **Cover Crops, 1 to 1 advice workshops and soils organic matter workshop**.
- **Four eel passage solutions** are being delivered on the middle Frome by Dorset Wildlife Trust, Westcountry Rivers Trust and Environment Agency.
- **Dorset Wild Rivers** has continued to work throughout the catchment and are delivering the **river Frome SSSI Restoration plan** with the Environment Agency.



Looking forward: 2017

Next year:

- We will continue to progress work with the agricultural group with the development and promotion of a **“Maize Charter”** and are running an **under sowing Maize demonstration trial and soil organic matter events**.
- Dorset Wildlife Trust, FWAGSW and National Trust will be **working with farmers on the Corfe River** to deliver river and land management improvements and develop demonstration sites.
- The Dorset Catchment Partnerships will be carrying out **wet weather walkover surveys** to identify causes of muddy flooding at selected waterbodies across Dorset, including the Corfe river and Tadnoll Brook.
- Catchment Sensitive Farming, DCC, EA and Wessex Water are working together to deliver **Natural Flood Management** in the upper Piddle.
- The partnership will be working to develop a **Mapping Tool** that can help identify areas and opportunities for delivery across the Dorset catchments and help inform decision making at different levels.
- The **Win Win project**, a local community project developing citizen science through monitoring, is seeking funding and to support the extended Riverfly monitoring scheme.

