

Looking back and looking forward: 2015/2016

Poole Harbour
Catchment Initiative

Looking back: 2015 round up

Some highlights for the partnership for 2015:

- **The Catchment Partnership Action Fund** has funded two river restoration projects; one on the Frome at Kingston Maurward and one on the Tarrant at Tarrant Hinton.
- Provided feedback on the River Frome Diffuse Water Pollution Plan, Diffuse Pollution Reduction Plan and the 2nd **River Basin Management Plan** on behalf of the partnership and contributed to the Dorset catchment pages.
- The Agricultural Group has been working on the **Wessex Diffuse Pollution Reduction Plan**, contributing to the communications plan and reasonableness test of 'Best Practice' measures proposed by the Environment Agency. They have also help steer the development of the land management options for Wessex Water's Catchment Management **Nitrogen Offsetting Pilot** and hosted a **farmer event** at Athelhampton House.
- **Partnership workshop** with Local Nature Partnership (LNP) and Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) on the potential for algal harvesting in Poole Harbour.
- **Participating in events** including CaBA Defra atrium event, and presentations to the DWT Poole Group and Wessex Conservation Forum Conference.



Looking forward: 2016

This spring we will be looking at ways to take a more strategic approach to issues which cover all of Dorset.

We will also;

- Work with local communities to develop projects and an **education and engagement strategy** for Dorset.
- Organise a **stakeholder forum**. This will provide all stakeholders the opportunity to engage with catchment initiatives.
- Work with local authorities and other **partnerships in Dorset**; AONB, the LNP and LEP and Dorset Coast Forum.
- Work with local residents and catchment partners to develop the **'Win Win project'** to understand the impact of land use changes in the Win Catchment and the impact of the Win on the River Frome SSSI.
- Collaborate on maximising the efficient use of organic nutrients in the catchment through the **Slurry storage and sharing** feasibility study.
- Collate **prioritised projects** for the Environment Agency's medium term projects bid list.
- Work with fisheries and the Westcountry Rivers Trust to develop a **catchment fisheries programme**.

