

Dart Estuary Forum Environment Programme December 2021

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Dart Country Park Weir Removal



Project Overview

- Total project cost £14,000 (WEIF, FIP)
- Completed May 2021
- Partners EA (Lead), WRT, DCP
- Complete removal of weir
- Improved 6km of WFD designated Waterbody

SDCP Action Plan:

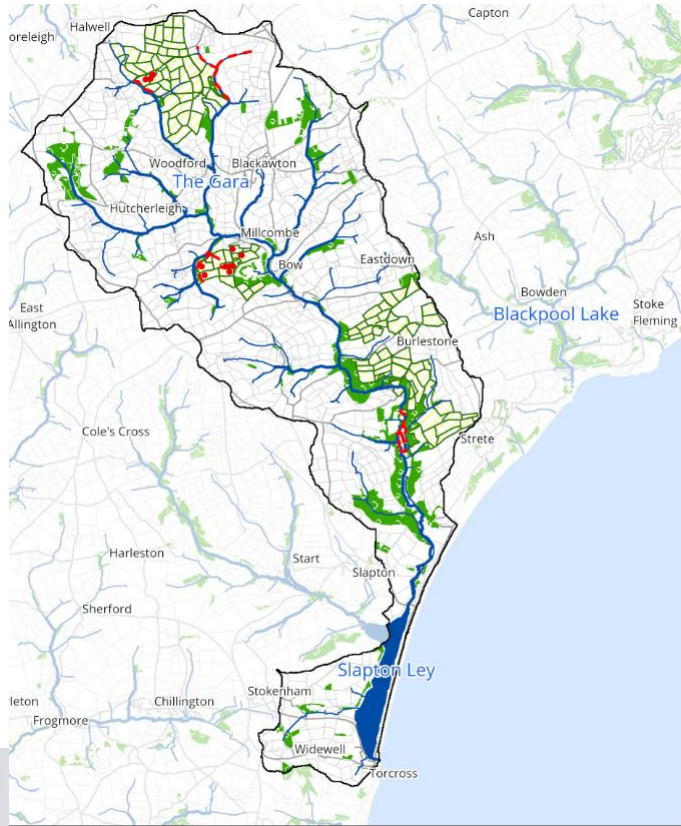
- Species and habitat
 - Falling Fish Populations
 - 11. Restore riverine habitats and fish passage



Buckfast Abbey- Larinier Fish Pass



Gara Healthy Rivers



- Total project cost £82,500 (WEIF, Landowners)
- Completed March 2021
- Partners WRT (Lead), Natural England, EA
- Delivery of interventions to address nutrients, Phytoplankton and Macrophytes
- > 5Km water body and 10 Ha improved

SDCP Action Plan:

- Pollution from wider areas
 7. Understand and reduce the causes and impacts of high nutrient levels, bacterial quality issues and algal blooms
 8. Tackle diffuse pollution from rural sources (agriculture & forestry)

Rural Diffuse Pollution

Land Management Pilot Project

Devon, Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Area



The problem

We are seeing ever increasing heavy rainfall events across the Devon and Cornwall. Alongside this, agricultural land is being pushed to its limits in the hope of delivering a profitable business.

The outcome is increased soil compaction and silt-laden runoff, causing pollution of our rivers and flooding of our communities.

The Devon and Cornwall Land Management Pilot aims to respond to this increasing problem of poor land management practices.



How will the project work?

The project team will work proactively across Devon and Cornwall working in areas where soil erosion and runoff have caused environmental incidents.

It is a joint funded project using Flood Defence Grant in Aid and Water Environment Improvement Fund. The team will work with landowners in the first instance but use their enforcement powers when necessary.

If you would like more information about this project, please contact *Lesley Newport* or *James Wimpress*. (Environment Programme Team)

The Project Team

The 4 person operational team will comprise;

- 1 x Project Manager to coordinate the project.
- 2 x Project Officers (level 2 warranted) to undertake the field work element.
- 1 x Project Officer to support the project.

The team will act on reports from our partners and the general public by fulfilling a regulatory need, dealing with pollution and flooding caused by poor landuse.



Other Updates

Planning and Reporting

- Draft River Basin and Flood Risk Management Plans
- Environment Agency/Ofwat investigation - WwTW
- Bathing Water Classification Delays
- Devon and Cornwall Local Outcome Plan refresh
- Online Tools:
 - New Look Catchment Data Explorer
 - NFM Studio
 - Natural Capital Market Place

Funding

- Natural Environment Investment Fund – Round 2
- Water Environment Investment Fund

