

Dart Harbour Communities Group

DRAFT AGENDA

To be held **Tuesday 16th November 19.00**. Hosted by our Chairman, Mike Pearey at Hillside TQ9 7ER

Directions to Hillside will be supplied shortly

Chair: Mike Pearey

Secretary: Sue Pudduck

Apologies.

Brief personal introductions.

Minutes of the Meeting DH Communities Group held 16th March 21. (attached)

Matters arising, incl Report on the river trip and any outstanding issues - Sec

1. Welcome to Acting HM, Rob Everitt & new members (Chair).
2. Updates from Group Members
3. AoNB Update – Roger English
4. Update on HM recruitment (JD/Chair).
5. Update on current DH consultations. (Moorings, Disability Access) JD
6. Report on summer season on river (RE)
7. Update on the SWW water quality project on Combined Overflow Drains (paper circulated at last meeting, and attached.)
This item is reliant on input from SWW.

8. MCZ. Roger English

<https://designatedsites.naturalengland.org.uk/Marine/SupAdvice.aspx?SiteCode=UKMCZ0057&SiteName=dart&SiteNameDisplay=Dart%20Estuary%20MCZ&countyCode=&responsiblePerson=&SeaArea=&IFCAAarea=&NumMarineSeasonality=>

9. Future visit events tbc; Sharpham Rewilding; new Sandridge Winery;

10. AoB

11. Date and Venue for next meeting

South West Water Green Recovery Project.

I wanted to update you on some proposals SWW has submitted to Defra for Green Recovery work on storm overflows. This is subject to gaining agreement from Defra and Ofwat, but in essence we are looking to develop two Inland amenity river pilots for the Dart and Tavy. A detailed review has been undertaken of both river catchments looking at the catchment background/context, performance of our systems, stakeholder information and river quality. This informed our Green Recovery proposal and the scope of work we have put forward includes:

1. Install monitors on Storm Overflows which do have them currently (14 No.)
2. Accelerate investigations on all high spilling overflows which exceed 40 spills per annum
3. Identify potential inland bathing locations and quantify benefits for each location
4. Undertake river sampling programme alongside the EA. Determine appropriate sampling points and monitoring alongside the EA officers
5. Storm Overflow refurbishment (Screening, Storage and aesthetic improvements), informed by the storm overflow investigation process
6. Undertake and deliver infiltration reduction schemes where identified
7. Review operational practice and operational response requirements to reduce pollutions and ensure blockages are dealt with promptly
8. Undertake catchment work across both catchments to incentivise and support good farming practices to reduce pollution risk and maintain good agricultural practices through our Upstream Thinking advisors
9. Undertake social engagement to identify recreational users on both rivers and examine the types of users for the river and undertake a risk appraisal of types of use and locations where an inland bathing water may be defined. Develop Catchment Champions concept and trial in both catchments incentivising members of the public to contact SWW should they see any elements of pollution
10. Put in place live and transparent reporting of spill data on the catchment to all river users through the development and implementation of a inland water reporting system, similar to our Beachlive system for coastal bathing waters
11. Undertake improvements to enhance and optimise wastewater treatment in the catchments to improve the resilience of the continuous discharges and ensure these support an improve quality to meet the future perspective rivers standards
12. Scope and consider application of UV on these discharges, subject to regulatory drivers being applied.

We are very much hoping that our Green Recovery proposals will be supported, as we know that this whole catchment approach is the best way to bring about the changes needed. I'll let you know how we get on with these proposals, but in any event, any high spilling storm overflows will get investigations and action through the national Storm Overflow Assessment Framework process.

I also wanted to make sure you have the contact route if you spot any potential drainage problems in the catchment. There is a phone number or you can use our website:

0344 346 2020

<https://www.southwestwater.co.uk/advice-and-services/your-wastewater/reporting-a-suspected-pollut>

