

Measures in the West Cornwall and Fal Management Catchment

Catchment partnership: The West Cornwall and Fal Management Catchment is managed by the Cornwall Catchment Partnership (CCP), which covers all 13 operational catchments within Cornwall and has representation from 10 different sectors: Cornwall Council, Local Nature Partnership, Environment Agency, Natural England, South West Water, National Farmers' Union, Country Landowners Association, Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority, forestry (Duchy Forestry), recreation and tourism (Visit Cornwall) and industry. The Tamar Catchment Partnership is represented through its host Westcountry Rivers Trust. The CCP sits within the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Nature Partnership (CIOSLNP) and has strategic links with the Local Enterprise Partnership and the Health and Well-being Board. The top three issues for Cornwall are point source pollution; diffuse source pollution; and flood alleviation through land management.

Contribution to environmental outcomes for 2021

- River Cober Floodplain Restoration Project 2015/16, funded through Catchment Partnership Action Fund and River Basin Liaison Panel allocation. The objectives are: improvement of flood plain connectivity; reduction in nutrient and metal levels to contribute to achievement of protected area objectives; reduced impact of man-made structures on wildlife in watercourses; reduced diffuse and point source pollution (faecal indicator organisms and phosphate levels) from farms and adjacent land; habitat restoration and preservation and multiple benefits for urban population.

Upstream Thinking Programme 2015-20 – Partners are working with South West Water. The objectives are to improve water quality by reducing pesticide and nutrient inputs to the River Cober, Argal, College and Drift Reservoirs and to deliver wider benefits including biodiversity enhancement, carbon storage, flood alleviation and protection of landscape character.

- Joint bids for European Union Structural Investment Fund (under development)

Future aims:

Established in July 2014, the CCP is developing projects and initiatives, which support key Water Framework Directive (WFD) objectives and will achieve the following agreed shared outcomes:

- Reduced point source pollution from domestic, industrial and agricultural sources
- Reduced diffuse source pollution by pollution-type (nutrients, pesticides, minerals)
- Sustainable water resources; and
- Flood alleviation through land management

Each initiative will be delivered by: engagement and understanding of people and communities through good communication leading to informed involvement and local action; integrated land use and management to deliver multiple benefits and resilience; environmental growth; evidence-based action; and collaborative working. Actions will focus on Water Framework Directive protected areas.

Additional measures with £100k per year:

- Projects at operational catchment level which deliver the CCP's priority shared outcomes.

Additional measures with £1m per year:

- Major projects that fit the CCP's priorities, delivered in partnership, attracting match funding.

Further details are included in CCP's Development Strategy and Action Plan, which also explains its communications, funding and project development strategies.

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