

GOOD FOR CHARMOUTH

Hints & Tips from Charmouth Parish Council's Environment Group

Our Sewers, Saving Water and The River Char



We can all help to reduce the pollution levels in the River Char. Whilst pollution is the responsibility of Wessex Water and the Environment Agency there are steps, we as residents and business owners can take to help.

The River Char Community Project (www.charvalley.org) is looking at nature based upstream solutions to help reduce pollutants and improve the land around the river to help wildlife re-establish.

In Charmouth we can play a big role by reducing the pressure on sewers to try to avoid the increasing need for sewage release at times of heavy rain fall.

Using less water in the home will significantly reduce the burden on sewers and also save money, precious resources and cut our carbon footprint (clean water has a very high carbon footprint as it takes a lot to clean it). Shorter showers / smaller baths, making sure washing machines and dishwashers are used on water efficient cycles are examples.

In the bathroom paper, poo and pee can be flushed down toilets but put wet wipes (even ones marked as flushable) and sanitary towels & tampons in the bin.

In the kitchen avoid putting fats, oils and grease down your sink as these will all block drains over time.

In the garden and outside redirect rain fall to water butts. Keep ditches, streams, and land drains on your property in good condition and clear of debris to allow heavy rain to runaway more easily.

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