

CROWD: Clean Rivers Of West Dorset

Action points from previous meetings

9th August meeting

- **WRAG** to report results of bathing water samples taken further east at Seatown by the EA.
- **Howard Atkinson (HA)** to ask HSE for their response to the human health risk in CROWD rivers & beaches.
- **Ian Rees (IR)** to do the same with Public Health Dorset.
- **Andrew Carey (AC)** and **Dana Assinder (DA)** to invite Simon Browning to talk to CROWD about CaSTCo.
- **WRAG** to prepare a report on what they have done so far with *E coli* testing on the Winniford.
- **AC** to chase Wessex Water (WW) on its action points from April.
- **HA** to gather evidence for the scale of the risks associated with microbial and viral pollution of sand.
- **IR** to ask Dorset Coast Forum for further thoughts and contacts who we might be able to work with.
- **AC** and **DA** to draft a revision of CROWD's stated aims and a statement of how it will issue press releases and public communications (for agreement by all involved, including Chis Loder).
- **Lee Ramsden (LR)** and **HA** to prepare a brief report for the meeting on the various chemicals and metrics (e.g. the difference between the three types of phosphate, the relevance of turbidity, etc.)

23rd June meeting

- **WRAG** to follow up with Wessex Water on bacterial contamination results in the Winniford.
- **AC** to press WW on the possibility of length-of-river pollution testing to identify pollution types and sources.
- **CROWD** to feedback to CL any thoughts on blockers to action
- **CROWD members** to check that beaches in their area are signed up to Pollution Risk Forecasts and alerts are acted upon. Also push for better permanent signage in the river pools.
- **Wessex Water (WW)** to respond to CROWD's long list of requests (sent 8th June).

14th April meeting

- **Chris Loder (CL)** to write to Colin Skellett to insist that the 5 sites provisionally scheduled for improvement in the CROWD area in 2025-30 *be* included (referencing the fact that they discharge in or close to a bathing water and in or close to protected sites - Lyme Bay MPA and SAC, thus a high priority.) They are: Charmouth WRC; Chideock WRC; West Bay Sluices SPS; Puncknowle WRC; Bridport Wych Farm WRC.
- **CL** to ask Ofwat to identify blocks to investment in helping homeowners to install soakaways.
- **WW** to send CROWD a digital copy of the report presented at the April meeting.
- **WW** to brief CROWD on rainwater separation in new building developments so Chris Loder can follow up.
- **WW** to brief CROWD on rainwater runoff issues with highways so Chris Loder can follow up (WW update – nothing will happen on this “for a while”).
- **WW** to invite CROWD to review the near real time reporting system before it goes live by end of 2023.
- **CROWD** to compile list of priority sites and send to WW, so it can supply quarterly data.
- **WW** to share data with CROWD by end of July on the required increase in storage capacity at Sewage Treatment Works and Pumping Stations to reduce/eliminate spills. WW reporting to Defra by 24/6/23
- **WW** to send info to CROWD on what people can do to help with water butts / rainwater separation at source.

8th February meeting

- **Ian Rees (IR)** to circulate Water Guardians info and WG survey method to CROWD members. (Agreed that this wasn't the right survey for CROWD but would be helpful entry point for river action groups.)
- **IR** to share details with CROWD of 2 Dorset AONB surveys (River Char Project & a broader, map-based one.)
- **HA** to share findings of River Asker group methods to investigate how to measure nitrates and *E. coli*.
- **Steve Evans** to gather notes on Foundry Lea water issues for discussion in CROWD with a view to briefing Chris when we discuss planning issues.