

## **Climate and Ecological Emergency Working Party (CEE\_WP)**

### **Report to the Parish Council Meeting – November 2021**

1. The **State of the River Char and Monkton Wyld Stream Report** will be published at the end of this month. You can read it online: [charvalley.org/riverchar](http://charvalley.org/riverchar) It will be sent to neighbouring parish councils and others.
2. We hope to write a 2-page summary report for inclusion in the next issue of Char Chat.
3. On 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm there will be a short talk about the report by Ian Rees of Dorset AONB and Nick Gray of Dorset Wildlife Trust, followed by a 1-hour walk led by Nick Gray. This will be at Becklands Farm and open to the public.
4. On 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm there will be an evening's 'Conversation' on the subject led by Ian Rees and Nick Gray, location tbc.
5. Riverfly monitoring training for interested local residents will be announced on 11th December. A first 'daylighting' working party (to clear a section of the river and its banks) will take place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January.
6. Work on invasive species will start next July.
7. Other workshops and walks will be organised between January and April next year.
8. On Agricultural Land Management there is funding in place for an initial four advisory visits to local farms looking at farm economics and making suggestions on how to make them more sustainable from an environmental and economic point of view.
9. We are preparing a leaflet as a first step in encouraging residents to look after their septic tanks better.
10. From April, Dorset AONB will look for additional funding which would enable the project to be widened to include the entire river catchment and neighbouring parishes.
11. Other actions will be planned and announced in January.

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15<sup>th</sup> November 2021