

CROWD: Clean Rivers Of West Dorset

Winniford River Action Group – update for CROWD April 2023

- Start-up grant provided by Chideock Parish Council.
- Agreed to test using CSI (turbidity, phosphate, dissolved solids, temperature), plus ammonia and e-coli (e-coli has been a particular concern) at a range of points along the length of the river; two sites agreed with CSI, third one in process.
- First sampling exercise undertaken 12th April: CSI and ammonia tests at Seatown, plus three samples sent for e-coli analysis from sites above and below sewage works. [This could prove interesting as Safer Seas & Rivers app has been issuing lots of notifications for Seatown.]
- Wessex Water due to present at village meeting on 26th April; WRAG is next on the agenda to outline what we're up to.
- Article written for May issue of Chideock News (distributed free to every house) about septic tanks, based on the septic tanks Zoom call (to be published as a collaboration between WRAG and the Parish Council). [North Chideock in particular has several houses not connected to mains sewers.]
- Place for information stand booked at summer fête.