

SOUTH WEST WATER – ‘LET’S TALK WATER’ WEBINAR
held online 22nd November 2023

SWW's draft business plan for 2025-30 released last month and is available on their website. Covers: water quality and resilience; storm overflows and pollution; climate change; customer affordability; and investment (£2.8bn over 5 years).

Draft Water Resources Management Plan (a statutory document) is reviewed and updated every 5 years. Public consultation closes on 6th December. Will be finished and published in the New Year.

Cornwall updates

Colliford now 51.6% full (15% more than this time last year). Hosepipe ban lifted. Par desalination plant with water to be extracted from St Austell Bay. Starting engagement with stakeholders, local communities, etc Starting planning application process. SWW took responsibility for water and sewage in the Isles of Scilly in 2020 – working to improve infrastructure etc

WaterFit3

Phase 3 now released. Website shows water quality at all coastal overflow sites and whether an overflow is occurring through its monitors. Source of information for various groups. Phase 4 will be to provide information on the 1342 inland storm overflows across the Southwest. All SWW's overflows will be monitored. Looking at being part of a nationwide app that show if overflows are active and water quality. Water pollution comes from agricultural and industrial sources too.

Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Reports from West of England, Devon, and Cornwall LNRs.
Cornwall report from Cornwall Council's Environmental Officers

Overview of the strategy

Issues are climate emergency, development, pollution, poor water management, harmful agricultural practises, overfishing, poor biodiversity and species decline etc
Strategy is locally led (CC is the responsible authority), collaborative with other stakeholders and organisations (working together), evidence based, and to leave nature in a better state than it is now.

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