

Dorset BNG at Piddle

We're putting the water back into a drained chalk stream valley in Dorset.

ABOUT THE SCHEME

The Piddle is one of only about 200 chalk streams in the world, and home to the endangered white-clawed crayfish. Thomas Hardy drew on the valley for his fiction, and made Bere Regis the Kingsbere of Tess of the d'Urbervilles.

The river runs through our land at Bere Regis. Maize fields, woodland and floodplain all drain straight into it, and the soil and nutrients that wash out travel on to Poole Harbour. We're stopping that by breaking up the land drains, damming a ditch and digging three ponds to hold the water where it falls. In a second phase, we plan to dig out the spoil bank left by old dredging and a raised farm track, so the river can spill onto its floodplain again.

In the woods, we're felling a Douglas fir plantation, replanting native broadleaves and cutting glades that suit nightjar and woodlark, both recorded nearby.

Where maize grew, scrub and grassland will take over 21 hectares. We're also enhancing eight hectares of floodplain wetland, five of woodland and three-quarters of a mile of hedgerow.

A Conservation Covenant with Fera Science Limited secures the scheme for 30 years.

SCHEME BNG / NN

Status:

Taking Allocations
Dorset Council
Dorset Heaths and Dorset Downs and
Cranborne Chase
Secured via Conservation Covenant
(Fera Science, Responsible Body)

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HABITATS AVAILABLE

Broad Habitat	Metric Habitat	Distinctiveness
Floodplain wetland mosaic and CFGM	Enhancement	High
Lowland mixed deciduous woodland	Enhancement	High
Grassland	Creation	
Mixed scrub	Creation	Medium
Species-rich native hedgerow with trees	Enhancement	High
Chalk stream (priority habitat watercourse)	Enhancement	Very High
Ditches	Enhancement	Medium

TOWNS & CITIES

- Bere Regis
- Wool
- Wareham
- Dorchester
- Blandford Forum
- Weymouth
- Poole
- Bournemouth
- Christchurch
- Swanage

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- Dorset Heaths
- Dorset Downs and Cranborne Chase

LPAS

- Dorset Council



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