

Campaigning and advocacy:

- Follow/sign/share petitions about governance and ownership of water - e.g. [Windrush Against Sewage Pollution](#) and [We Own It](#)
- Follow/sign/share petitions about river pollution - e.g. [Change.org](#), [38 Degrees](#), [Surfers Against Sewage](#)
- Follow Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [DEFRA's website](#) for continuous water quality monitoring [CWQM] programme and information on [sludge applied to agriculture consultation](#) (ends 24 March)
- Keep reporting to the Environment Agency and submit [Environmental Information Requests](#) (EIR) to: Enquiries@Environment-agency.gov.uk
- Use [Severn Trent](#) Water's online form to report spills/contaminations. Share answers, keep pestering!
- Write to our MPs about all the above as this helps empower them to fight for rivers

Citizen science and local learning:

- Use [Freshwater Habitats Trust](#) Testing Kits: £120 for a 12-month supply
- Get local families into EarthWatch Europe's [Great UK Water Blitz](#) (September) and The River Trust's [The Big River Watch](#) (April)
- Look at other water quality testing examples, such as the Finham Brook Alliance (running a Train the Trainers on 14 March in Kenilworth)
- Bring "[Beneath British Waters](#)" films into schools so that pupils can learn about importance of the freshwater environment and freshwater fish
- Invite [Dr Anna Bogush](#), Associate Professor at Coventry University's Centre for Agroecology, water and resilience, for a talk on microplastics research
- Invite [OFWAT](#) to talk during Great Big Green Week in Stratford (sneak preview of new regulator?).

Development planning, including housing and infrastructure:

- Look at the [River Basin Management Plan consultation](#) on the gov.uk website - ends 20 May
- Learn about the [Grampian Conditions](#) and how they impact on development in areas with sewage capacity issues (e.g. [West Oxfordshire County Council](#))
- Shine a light on private sewage treatment plants, rural dwellings and sewage waste systems oversight (e.g. Langley)
- Write to our MPs urging that, when housing estates are built, sewage treatment works must be required to expand.

Place-based community anchors:

- Strengthen and use existing legal frameworks and consider introducing the rights of rivers. A statement of interest to start a charter for the rights of the River Stour was made
- Support/participate in water-themed exhibition by local creatives in September, organised by River Hope and partners
- Support/participate in British Rowing Clean Up Rivers campaign including a Community River Health Day planned for Saturday 24 October organised by [Stratford-Upon-Avon Boat Club](#)
- Support/participate in a Clean, Green and Blue Challenge in October, to be organised by [Rubbish Friends](#) Stratford-Upon-Avon.

Individual/household behaviours:

- Use [Ecosia](#) and search by name and water pollution, share links.
- Use eco/fish/water-friendly washing up liquid, dishwasher tabs and washing powder (e.g. [Delphis](#)) and 'guppyfriend washing machine bags' to catch microfibres and encourage others to switch.