

Upper Avon Initiative



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Bristol Avon Rivers Trust



What is BART?

BART is a community-led organisation which aims to deliver education, land and river management advice and practical river restoration work in the Bristol Avon catchment. Through promoting an ecosystem-based approach, we aim to reconnect communities to their rivers and help river lovers and users better appreciate, conserve and improve their local rivers and streams.

Where is the project?

Sherston and Tetbury Avon and the main river downstream to Sutton Benger as well as all the streams within the area. The majority of the project is within the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Why get involved?

Currently most of the local rivers are in good health. We would like to keep it that way and we ask you to help by informing us of any problems or issues you feel may be of concern. Your local knowledge and experience are vital to maintaining this special environment- please get in touch!

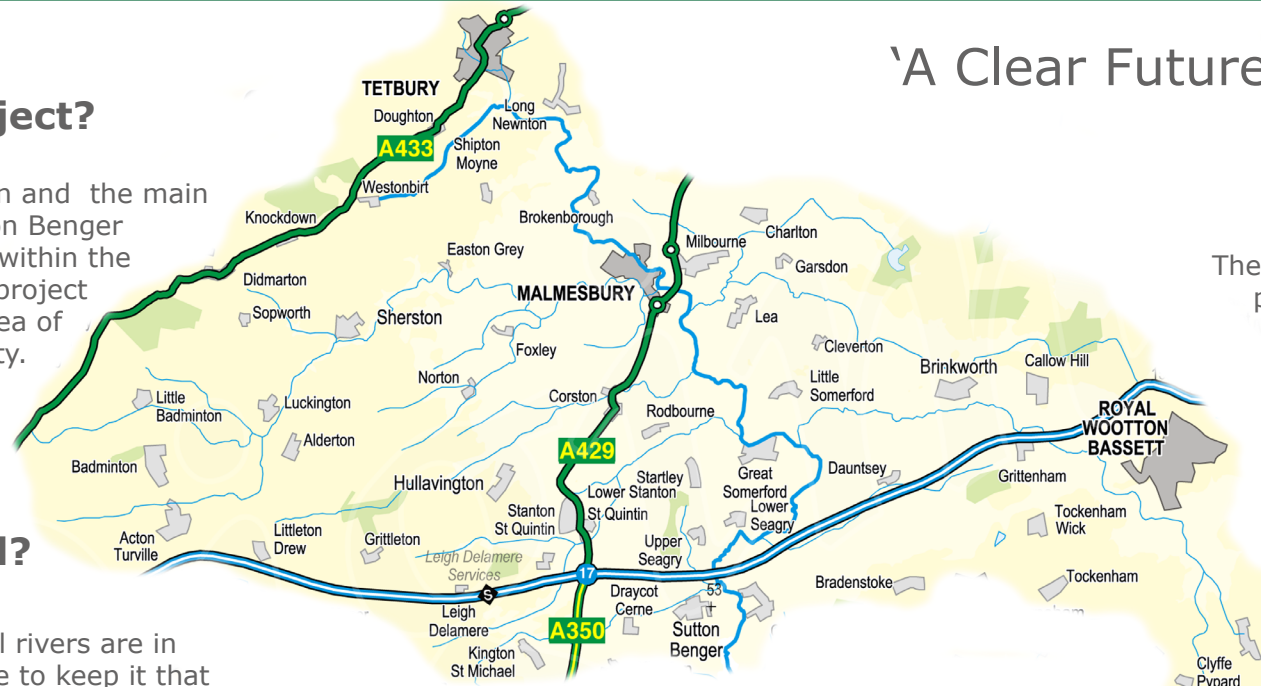
'A Clear Future for our Rivers'

What is the project?

The project aims to find out what local people and local community groups want to see happening on their river and what needs to be done to protect riverside habitat for the benefit of wildlife.

What will BART do?

BART will collate local feedback and add the results of their own walkover surveys to identify areas of opportunity which will help protect the riverside environment. BART will help local volunteers set up and carry out projects identified through this process.



Issues

What have we found elsewhere?

- ~ Flooding
- ~ Soil loss
- ~ Poor water quality
- ~ Low/slow flows
- ~ Over-shading
- ~ Barriers to fish



Actions

- ~ Create cattle drinking points
- ~ Repair/build fences
- ~ Plant trees
- ~ Monitor invertebrate life



Results

- ~ Better water quality
- ~ Greater bank stability
- ~ Improved flows and fish habitats
- ~ Reduced flooding

