

2025 - RSCG - Q1 & Q2 - Progress against Objectives

W1	Implement species recovery plan for eel, salmon, trout and white clawed crayfish	School Weir designs expected winter 25/26. Barrier designs for the Byes sent to NT for permission.
W2	Reinstate fish migration throughout the catchment	School Weir designs expected winter 25/26
W3	Improve habitat for full range of aquatic species	WRT habitat and barrier walkovers half way through
W4	Establish, maintain and improve monitoring mechanisms, measuring key indicators of river health	Riverfly, Water Quality and Electrofishing up to date.
W5	Use natural flood management techniques to reduce peak flow, including leaky dams, water meadows and retention ponds	Natural Flood Management Scheme underway

L1	Implement species recovery plans for otters, common snipe, water voles, beaver and water rail	No Progress
L2	Improve habitat for the full range of riparian species	Survey of catchment half way through
L3	Remove invasive species esp. Himalayan Balsam and Japanese Knotweed.	HB tackled on the Lincombe and between Fortescue and Sidford. Seasonal reinfestation low.
L4	Employ a catchment advisor for professional advice on diffuse pollution and soil health.	EDCP agreed the Sid is a level 2 priority.
L5	Reduce point and diffuse pollution from the land and reduce water run-off from land onto roads.	No Progress,
L6	Improve soil health in the catchment for carbon capture, water retention and biodiversity	No Progress, Stakeholder group set up in the autumn might signal progress

P1	Establish a River Sid Stakeholder Group to increase engagement and delivery of projects.	Riparian landowners contacted, meeting date to be fixed for the autumn.
P2	Seek funding to support landowners and managers.	Catchment advisor working with a landowner in the valley
P3	Engage diverse community groups in river related learning and engagement activities.	Nature Festival in the Guide Hut, riverfly very popular.

P4	Continue to communicate our progress and concerns to a wide audience.	Café Sci talk given, Salmon in the Sid. WI talk given by Peter. Swimming pool bill board featuring River Haikus
P5	Work alongside national, regional and local groups to promote our aim.	EDCP, River Char, River Runs Through US, DBRC, DWT, STC, WRT Chardstock Eco Group.
P6	Continue to build and share a sound knowledge base on topics relevant to this plan	Website, Mailchimp.