

## Plan for Water – how it will benefit you



South West Water (Water and Sewerage) and Bristol Water (Water only)

#### Our Plan for Water will mean:

- new Catchment Action Plans to improve all water bodies in England backed up with new funding
- a new Water Restoration Fund where money from water company environmental fines and penalties taken from company profits will be spent directly on restoring the water environment under a catchment-based approach
- changing the law to increase the amount the EA can penalise water companies for damaging the environment consulting on potentially unlimited penalties
- more water company inspections, with new inspection targets
- bringing forward proposals to ban the use of plastic in wet wipes
- new proposals to **restrict** 'forever' chemicals which pollute our rivers
- more than doubling the funding for farmers under the Slurry Infrastructure Grant to £34 million to reduce farm nutrient pollution
- supporting farmers with food production by enabling them to store more water on their land launching the second round of £10m Water Management Grant to fund on-farm reservoirs and irrigation equipment. We will also reduce planning barriers for small reservoirs.

#### **New Water Company projects under Plan for Water:**

- 1. £70 million by South West Water for the acceleration of storm overflow improvements in priority areas which will reduce 330 spills per year across 14 storm overflows
- 2. £29 million for South West Water for nutrient pollution reduction at 5 wastewater treatment unlocking new housing developments
- 3. **£21 million by South West Water for accelerating the smart metering programme** to upgrade over 37,300 domestic and 2,700 commercial meters by 2024/25
- 4. £9 million by South West Water for water supply pipe replacements to reduce leakage on customer pipes
- 5. £1 million by Bristol Water for water supply pipe replacements to reduce leakage on customer pipes in the Bristol area
- 6. **£2 million** by Bristol Water for pipe replacement of approximately 500 customer supply pipes and 250 internal pipes

The above projects are subject to consultation, which ends on 24 April 2023. Therefore, the number of final projects and the total level of investment may change.

## This is on top of existing investment in the area to be delivered by 2025, and includes:

£340 million on a range of projects to improve the environment through the Water Industry National Environment Programme (WINEP) including:

- 1. £145 million for South West Water to deliver wastewater obligations
- 2. £24 million for South West Water to upgrade the Knapp Mill water treatment works
- 3. **£17 million for South West Water** to trial ways to help customers save water and protect customers from the costs of supply pipe failures

## **Environment Agency river restoration projects in the local region include:**

- 1. 22km of the River Dart enhanced through the development of fish and eel passes
- 2. **226 hectares** of bog habitat recreated, with hydrology and ecology restored as part of the **South West Peatland Partnership**
- 3. 23km of river enhancement on River Par through shade management and habitat creation

### **Regional Statistics**

- 100% of bathing waters classified as good/excellent -up from 90% in 2010
- 99% storm overflows monitored in 2022 up from 65% in 2018. This will be 100% by the end of this year.
- Total storm overflows listed in annual return (2022): 1,342

### **Environment Agency Enforcement Action**

South West Water paid £1,973,734 in fines (2010 to 2023) across 46 prosecutions and fines





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# **Regional Maps of Water and Wastewater Companies**

