

Identifying priorities or opportunities for improvement & collaboration

● Additional supporting votes added (+ total number across category)

Area-specific
●● (+ 2)

River Sid ●

- Needs special attention.
- Fill pass / weirs
- No farms catchment schemes
- INNS
- CSO pollution at Belmont
- Slow flow from land

River Otter

- More litter picking needed.
- Flooding issues

Seaton Wetlands and Axe estuary ●

- Shooting of wildfowl in reedbeds
- Water quality in estuary
- Needs to be looked after as an amazing place.
- Farmers in the River Cory Catchment are amending water courses

Water Management
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Water Quality ●●

- Water Quality - Bathing waters
- Waste water flowing into rivers and streams
- Development and infrastructure
- Caravan Park development
- Septic tanks
- Effects of tourism

Homeowner Stormwater Management ●●●●

- Install ponds
- Water butts
- Disconnect rainwater downpipes
- Many small changes could have big impact

Planning, regulation & governance
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Increase funding of EA ●●●●

- Appears that farming practices are not being regulated – slurry in rivers

More Robust Future Planning ●●

- Better planning laws
- SWW should collaborate with LAs to support better evidence-based decision-making

Responsible Bodies ●

- Improved coordination

Housing & planning ●●

- Need to reduce wastewater entering rivers and streams

Access & engagement
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Rural Access and Connectivity ●●

- Footpaths are poor
- Improve bus services, interconnectivity for towns

Public access & engagement ●●

- More Westcountry CSI testing kits
- Funding for citizen science

Nature Recovery & River Ecology

Species Decline

- Water plants and grey wagtail
- Trout are fewer and smaller in size
- Combination of sorting farming practices, nutrient stripping of stw's

Catchment & Land Management_●●●●●●●●●● (+ 9)

Improve Upper Catchment Management ●●

- Slow the flow
- Upstream Thinking
- Catchment Sensitive Farming

Soil Issues in all catchments ●

- Soil management
- Run-off
- Flood risk management

Land management ●●

- Hedge management
- Future maintenance – tree planting
- Linked to storms and climate change
- Farm traffic
- Land use for food
- Soil run-off

Farming & nutrients ●●

- Diffuse pollution
- Run-off
- Soil compaction
- Best farming practices and soil management

Organic Farming ●

- Better soil
- Better quality food
- Promote and make organic food more accessible and educate customers to take responsibility
- In my backyard (alternative to supermarket)

Agricultural land management ●

- Slurry, pesticides, herbicides, fertilisers, etc
- Soil run-off
- Better soil infiltration