Free Event

Wildlife of the River Win and The Win Win Project

31st May 2016 – East Burton village Hall
18:00 – 19:30

Presentations from Dorset Wild Rivers, Dorset Riverfly Partnership and Poole Harbour Catchment Initiative

Followed by an interactive Riverfly demonstration looking at the fly life and invertebrates in the River Win at East Burton

Win Win Project Summary

The River Win catchment, a tributary of the River Frome, is providing an ideal opportunity to understand the outcomes of changing land use and new agricultural measures and their effect on a whole river system. The Win Win project is promoting the value of the river to local residents and engaging the local community in understanding the ecology, water quality, rainfall response and flood risk along the Win and its potential consequences for the River Frome downstream of its confluence.

This project also aims to:

• monitor the present river life and river conditions and compare with historic information to support the agricultural measures trials being taken forward by farmers.

• investigate the way water quality changes downstream along the length of the river

• look at how the current river channel shape affects water quality and flooding issues and seek opportunities to improve water storage and habitat

• improve the wildlife and the human enjoyment of the river and its landscape e.g. improving the state of the stream alongside the Winfrith Newburgh Village Trail

• compliment the current farming initiatives already underway in the River Win catchment

Findings from the project will inform future plans to restore the river Win where it flows through, and adjacent to, the Magnox site (during the long-term decommissioning process) and will also contribute to the Dorset Wildlife Trusts Great Heath project and the Poole Harbour catchment partnerships priority actions.

Dorset Wild Rivers project will be leading on the project in conjunction with Queen Mary University London, Freshwater Biological Association, Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust and Wessex Water as members of the Poole Harbour Catchment Partnership.