

## Westcountry Rivers Trust

Our mission is to restore and protect the rivers, lakes, wetlands and estuaries of the Westcountry for the benefit of nature, people and local economies.

Everything we do is informed by the best available science, based on an ecosystems approach, which considers the function of the entire river environment.

By protecting the whole river catchment, it's possible to help rivers thrive while benefiting human health, boosting recreational opportunities, saving money for individuals, farmers and water companies, plus much more.

Our vision is to see people helping our Westcountry rivers flow freely and teem with life, while valuing one of our most precious resources, water.

## Help our rivers flourish

Rivers are an iconic part of the Westcountry landscape. You are never further than two miles from your nearest river or stream.

Help us restore and protect them.

### Volunteer

- Become a citizen scientist.
- Take part in a fundraising challenge.
- Organise a litter pick.

### Donate

- Your support helps us to provide water quality testing kits and training to volunteers across our region.

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## Westcountry CSI is...

an **opportunity** for people to connect to and protect their local rivers and waterways across the region.

Our **Westcountry CSI** volunteers survey hundreds of freshwater locations in Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and West Dorset to monitor their **health, biodiversity and water quality**.

By sharing our knowledge with communities in the Westcountry, we are creating credible and competent **custodians of the rivers**.

Regular water quality sampling produces **robust data**, which we can use to identify areas of concern while enabling citizen scientists to get to know their river, helping to spot positive and negative changes and **influence action** when needed.

## What we do

### River Monitoring

Volunteers take **environmental observations** and **water quality** tests from sample points across the Westcountry.

### Flora & Fauna Watch

Surveys include observations of the **wildlife** and **problem plants** seen along watercourses, helping to build a picture of our river ecosystems in the region.

### Data Analysis

Each year, evidence collected is analysed to create **river health scorecards** for waterbodies with 12 samples or more.

### Education & Training

We create **interactive opportunities** for all ages to learn new skills and more about rivers and their habitats.



## Get involved

We aim to support volunteer citizen scientists in recording valuable information about the health of our rivers on each of the 850+ waterbodies in the Westcountry.

We'd love you to join us.

Visit [wrt.org.uk/westcountry-csi](http://wrt.org.uk/westcountry-csi) to find out more or donate to support our citizen science work.

