

River Stour Phosphorus Reduction Scheme

Open for applications, enquiries and free advice visits

Funding is available to farmers and land managers in parts of the River Stour catchment for adopting practices that reduce phosphorus and soil losses from agriculture. This includes:

- **Undersowing grass into maize - £200/ha***
To be sown by mid-July 2024
- **Cover crops after combinable crops - £175/ha***
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- **Establishment of 6m watercourse buffer strips - £2,500/ha per year**
- **Arable reversion** (part or whole fields) to:**
 - ▶ **Zero-input grassland - £720/ha per year**
 - ▶ **Low-medium input grassland - £600/ha per year**
 - ▶ **Herbal ley - £600/ha per year**
 - ▶ **Fertility building legume fallow - £600/ha per year**

All cover crops, buffer strips and arable reversion to be sown in autumn 2024

Funding also available for:

- Watercourse fencing
- Grassland subsoiling
- Resurfacing sections of farm tracks
- Yard drains and kerb stones
- Rainwater gutters and downpipes
- Covered manure stores
- Cross-slope hedgerow creation
- Riparian tree planting
- Pond/wetland features

* Assuming ground cover of at least 80% achieved in December, otherwise lower payment of £150/ha

** Payment rates dependent on soil type



Buffer strip reducing soil erosion to nearby watercourse



Undersown grass establishing under maize canopy



Undersown grass providing winter ground cover post maize harvest

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For more information including a full list of measures, zoomable maps of eligible areas, terms, conditions, payment rates and how to apply:

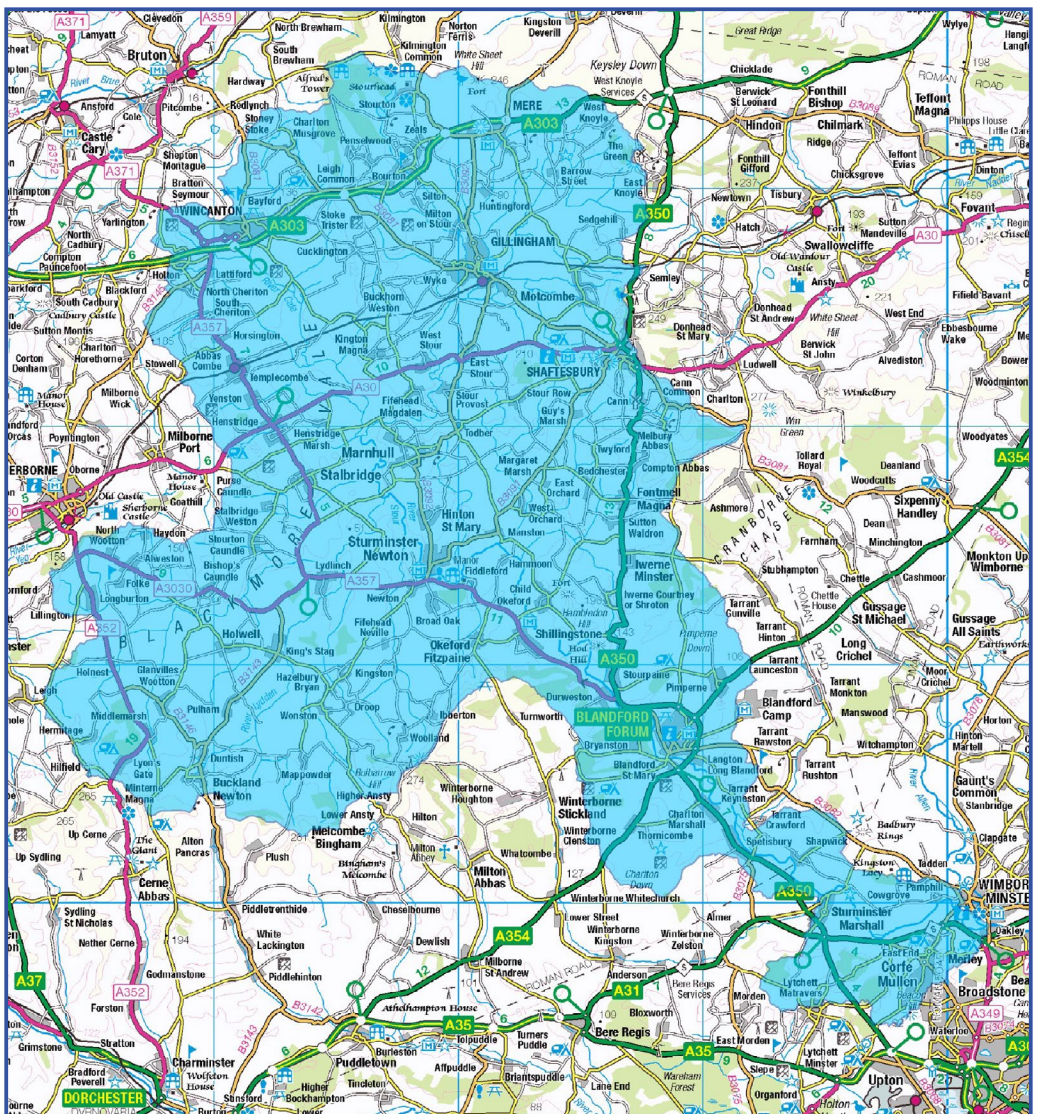
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Target area (for zoomable maps of eligible areas visit wessexwater.co.uk/river-stour-phosphorus)

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