

RIVER STOUR PHOSPHORUS REDUCTION SCHEME

Between 2022 and 2027 Wessex Water is working with farmers and landowners to reduce diffuse phosphorus pollution of water in the River Stour catchment.

The River Stour Phosphorus Reduction Scheme provides funding for implementing measures that reduce phosphorus inputs, prevent soil erosion and buffer watercourses from phosphorus pollution. The scheme will pay a fixed rate per option type (as shown on the project website)

Application Form 2025

Please complete **all** sections of this application form and sign the declaration in Section 7. The completed form should then be sent to the project team, preferably via email to riverstourphos@wessexwater.co.uk or via post to:

River Stour Phosphorus Reduction Scheme Project Team, Wessex Water, The Admiralty, Mill St, Corfe Mullen, Dorset, BH21 3RQ.

Section 1. Applicant details:

Applicant name:	Business name:
Farm Address:	Registered Office Address:
SBI number:	Registered Company Number:
Mobile:	Email:

☐ The farm/landholding is not owned or managed by a registered company and understand that the agreement will be made with my applicant name and the farm address.

Section 2. Farm details:

1. For the fields relevant to this application are you the:

Tenant ☐ Landlord ☐ Owner-occupier ☐ Farm manager ☐

Other (please specify):

2. If you are not the owner of the fields to which the application relates, what type of tenancy / landuse agreement do you have and how long do you have management control of the land for?

3. Main farming activities of business (e.g. dairy, beef, sheep, arable, pigs etc):

Section 3. Options applied for and field details:

If only applying for infrastructure options please only complete 'Measure' and 'Location' column

Measure* (e.g. Cover crops after maize)	Location (Parcel Number alternatively grid ref.)	Quantity (m, ha, m² etc.)	Payment rate* (£/ha or £/m)	For longer term measures, please state term applying for (years)	Soil type (approximate, e.g. clay)	Total Field size** (ha)	Previous Crop** (Harvest 2024)	Current crop** (Harvest 2025)	Following crop** (Planned harvest 2026 if known)	Soil P Index and date of last analysis** (preferably to 1 decimal place)	Has manure or fertiliser been applied in the previous 12 months?	Grazed?** (Yes/No. If yes enter type and approx. number of livestock)	Is the field underdrained? (Yes/No)
If additional rows are required please use continuation sheet at end of document													

*As listed on project website
**Only applicable for in-field measures only

Section 4. Existing Grant Funding

4. Have the fields relating to this application either **already been entered into an application or are already included within an agreement with** any other environmental stewardship scheme (e.g. Countryside Stewardship, Sustainable Farming Incentive, England Woodland Creation Offer, Farming in Protected Landscapes etc.)?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, **please submit an agreement map** showing the exact location and quantity (ha) of the existing grant funding measures and complete the below table.

Please state below the organisation/scheme

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Please list below the option types, field parcel numbers those options are located in and how much of the field is in the scheme and the end date of the agreement/s:

Existing Grant Funding				
Field parcel number	Option type	Quantity	Agreement end date	Map supplied

5. Have you obtained a grant or funding from Wessex Water in the past 5 years?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please give details of this funding:

Section 5. Consents and Permissions

By submitting this application, you are confirming that you will obtain all required permissions/consents necessary and you will consult the relevant authorities before implementing the options. This may include:

- Environmental Permit or Exemption under Environmental Permitting Regulations 2010 - if the work could involve potential discharge of polluting matter
- Land Drainage Consent - if the work is on or near watercourse
- Planning Permission
- Permissions from Natural England if work is within a SSSI or at risk of contravening any Environmental Laws such as The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981
- Flood Risk Assessment Permit from The Environment Agency
- Highways Authority permission
- Landlord permission
- Ensuring compliance with SSAFO Regulations

Provide details of any permission/consents relevant to this application:

Section 6. Supporting information:

Number of / reference to supporting photos, diagrams and maps* submitted:

**A map showing the location of each option must be submitted with this application.*

Section 7. Declaration:

1. If this application is successful, then for the purposes of creating field maps in the project agreement I consent to Wessex Water accessing publicly available Rural Payments Agency data for my farm and the fields relating to this application.
2. If this application is successful, I agree to provide Wessex Water with the physical information about my farm needed to estimate reductions in phosphorus loss to water arising from implementation of funded options on my farm.
3. I confirm that:
 - a. Reasonable precautions are taken to prevent nutrients and soil from the fields relating to this application entering watercourses or from being leached to groundwater to an extent that could cause pollution.
 - b. The fields relating to this application have not been:
 - i. the source of a recorded pollution incident which could have been prevented by the farmer taking reasonable precautions to prevent that pollution and/or
 - ii. the subject of a warning, fine, prosecution or BPS deduction issued to the farmer by the Environment Agency or RPA for a breach of NVZ rules or Farming Rules for Water in the past 5 years.
4. If this application is successful and if required by Wessex Water, I agree to complete the Environment Agency's Agricultural Compliance Tool (ACT) annually for the duration of this agreement, when completed to submit it to Wessex Water (who will hold it in confidence) and address any actions identified by the ACT.
5. I confirm that the options in this application will not be double-funded by any other public or private scheme.
6. I confirm that the information provided in this application is correct, to the best of my knowledge.

Signature*:

Date:

Print name:

**An electronic signature is acceptable if this form is to be emailed*

Continuation sheet if required

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