

Who's who in the Dart Catchment?



Action for Wildlife

The Dartmoor Biodiversity Project, a three year project funded and co-ordinated by the Dartmoor National Park Authority, English Nature, The Environment Agency, The Duchy of Cornwall and supported by DEFRA. It aims to carry out practical action which benefits wildlife on the ground within Dartmoor National Park, with particular emphasis on the catchment areas of the rivers Dart and Teign, thus implementing the Dartmoor Biodiversity Action Plan.

Aquatic Environmental

An environmental consultancy that specialises in ecological surveys and environmental impact assessments (EIAs) of any discharges or developments that may affect lakes, streams, rivers, estuaries or coastal waters.

Ashburton Information Centre

Run by the Dartmoor National Park Authority, Ashburton Town Council and Teignbridge District Council, the Information Centre provides a single point of contact where visitors and local residents can access a variety of information relevant to Ashburton and the surrounding district, particularly the Dartmoor National Park.

Ashburton Town Council

Made up of twelve councillors, including a Mayor and Deputy Mayor, its role is to look after the day to day running of the town. Committees include planning, finance, town hall building, information centre,

Ashprington Parish Council

See Parish and Town Councils

Associated British Ports

The UK's leading ports business. They run ports around the country and run warehousing, distribution and transport operations.

Association for the Preservation of Local Waters & Amenities

Information unavailable at time of print.

Atlantic Salmon Trust

A charitable trust that encourages and supports research projects on the Atlantic salmon, particularly aimed at slowing and reversing its decline, ensuring its future survival. It also acts as a centre of information wild salmon issues and tries to ensure that informed decisions are made on salmon management projects.

Aune Conservation Association

Information unavailable at time of print.

Aune Head Arts

A not-for-profit rural arts organisation making and commissioning contemporary arts projects about contemporary life on Dartmoor, interpreting Dartmoor community and environment.

Baltic Wharf Group

Information unavailable at time of print.

Barn Owl Trust

Established as a charity in 1988, it aims to conserve and protect barn owls. They carry out practical conservation tasks, education projects, provide information, research and they run a small sanctuary for abandoned owls. They are based near Ashburton.

Berry Pomeroy Parish Council

See Parish and Town Councils

Bridgetown Alive

A Totnes local community group.

Britannia Royal Naval College

A naval college on the banks of the River Dart.

British Association for Shooting & Conservation

An organisation that represents people who shoot while promoting the well-being of the countryside. They work for promoting a healthy quarry population and access to shooting rights.

British Bryological Society

A registered charity that promotes interest in mosses and liverworts. It organises meetings, aids research and helps establish conservation measures.

British Canoe Union (BCU)

The River Dart is one of the West Country's premiere white-water canoeing rivers. The BCU controls access to the river, issuing permits for several access points at restricted times of year. Members who wish to canoe on the river must adhere to a code of conduct where they agree to avoid damage and disturbance to the river, its banks and the surrounding land. Canoeists' access to the river is restricted to a short open season during the winter months, the dates of which are different on different sections of the river.

British Horse Society

An equestrian charity dedicated to improving the welfare of horses and ponies. They aim to establish traffic free routes for riders to enjoy the countryside in safety. They encourage the maintenance of bridleways.

British Marine Federation

The Trade Association for the UK Marine Leisure Industry.

British Mountaineering Council

The BMC (British Mountaineering Council) is the representative body that exists to protect the freedoms and promote the interests of climbers, hillwalkers and mountaineers, including ski-mountaineers.

British Trust for Conservation Volunteers

Run conservation activities and holidays on public and private land involving volunteers. Offices are in Exeter, Plymouth and Torquay.

British Trust for Ornithology

A scientific research trust in existence since 1933 that promotes bird conservation through volunteers' surveys.

Brixham SeaWatch

Founded 11 years ago to produce positive and useful information about cetaceans via the fishing industry.

Buckfast Spinning Co. Ltd.

A wool spinning company based in Buckfast.

Business West

The south west branch of Business Link

Business Link

Practical advice for businesses. Managed by the Department of Trade and Industry

Business West

Supporting Business growth in the west of England.

Butterfly Conservation Society

Aiming to protect wild butterflies and their habitats, it is the largest insect conservation organisation in Europe. They run various conservation programmes including liaison with DEFRA to investigate the effect of agri environment schemes on butterfly populations. They also own or lease 27 nature reserves to protect butterfly hot spots though none of these are in the Dart catchment. They conduct surveys and produce species and regional action plans for butterfly protection.

Campaign for the Protection of Rural England

A registered charity of 59,000 members and supporters that campaign for the protection and enhancement of the countryside in England.

Canoe Adventures Ltd

A canoeing company that offers tours of the river Dart, white water trips, dawn and dusk trips. It is based in Haberton, near Totnes.

Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (Dorset)

A research institute based in Dorset that acts as a centre of excellence for research in terrestrial and freshwater environmental sciences. They are run by the Natural Environmental Research Council (NERC) and aim to "generate practicable solutions to today's pressing environmental problems, so that a healthy, wealthy and sustainable environment can be enhanced and maintained in the UK and world-wide."

Centre for Rural Research

Based at the University of Exeter they aim to conduct a wide range of research into rural issues, provide advice to local and national government, contribute to rural policy debates. Their key research areas are: farm economies in transition, alternative food systems, rural identities, nature and landscape and rural policy.

Chartered Institution of Water & Environmental Management (Sou

An independent professional and examining body for scientists, engineers, other environmental professionals, students and those committed to the sustainable management and development of water and the environment. They aim to support government bodies in the move towards sustainable development, disseminate information and best practice on environmental management and stewardship and act to increase communication between members from different disciplines.

Clean Rivers Trust

Involved in education and research to achieve better water quality in rivers and estuaries. They work with industry and individuals to this purpose.

Coast and Countryside Service

A partnership between Devon County Council, South Hams DC and the Countryside Agency. They work with local people, communities, businesses, environmental and countryside organisations on a broad range of issues and projects. They cover tree preservation orders, tree conservation, felling controls, hedgerow management, landscape design, visual impact studies, countryside conservation, public access, disseminating countryside information, orchard management, maintaining the South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and coast and estuary management through Dart Estuary Environmental Management.

Community Council of Devon

A registered charity started in 1961 that has nearly 60 member organisations. Members include a combination of voluntary sector and statutory bodies that elect an Executive and Finance Committee to manage it. CCD belongs to an umbrella organisation covering similar organisations across England called Action with Communities in Rural England. CCD receives funding from the Countryside Agency, local authorities and through project work. Their scope includes community development, raising awareness, gathering information and producing sets of quality standards.

Country Land and Business Association

Formerly the Country Landowners' Association, it aims to protect the interests of the owners of rural land in England and Wales. They act to lobby government and provide advice to their members.

Countryside Agency for the South West

The Countryside Agency is the statutory champion and watchdog working to make the quality of life better for people in the countryside and the quality of the countryside better for everyone. It is funded by DEFRA and provides advice and grounded evidence to policy makers and service providers.

Countryside Alliance

The organisation established in the 1930's to champion the countryside, country sports and the rural way of life. In particular they concentrate on sea and freshwater game angling and wildfowling. They also aim to promote conservation and viability of the countryside, increase awareness and develop an understanding of rural issues across the political spectrum. They undertake research, publish information, develop education programmes promoting a better understanding of rural issues and aim to improve animal welfare.

Countryside Management Association

CMA was formed in 1966 as the Association of National Park Wardens, later became the Association of Countryside Rangers and before finally becoming CMA. It now has 1200 members who are involved in countryside and urban greenspace management throughout England and Wales. It is the largest organisation of its kind in the UK. It links professionals working in a range of environments from Urban and Country Parks to National Parks, Local and National Nature Reserves and other protected areas. They are employed in a variety of different roles from Rangers and Wardens to Project Officers, Rights of Way Officers and Ecologists and for a variety of organisations including Local Authorities, National Park Authorities, the Forestry Commission, National Trust, Wildlife Trusts, Water Authorities and English Nature. It aims to provide professional accreditation, training and development and forms a network of people working in this area.

Cycleau

A partnership of organisations based throughout Southwest England, Northwest France and the Republic of Ireland. All partners share the common purpose of piloting techniques to manage water from source to sea.

Dart & Totnes Amateur Rowing Club

A rowing club based in Totnes.

Dart Angling Association

They are the riparian owners, or lease about 11½ miles of bank fishing for Brown Trout, Sea Trout and Salmon on the River Dart from just below Totnes Weir pool upstream, through the non-tidal reaches to just below Holne bridge, near Dart Country Park. Members manage this land, clearing scrub and providing safe access to the water. The DAA restock the river with trout and Salmon Parr.

Dart Estuary Environmental Management (DEEM)

Hosted by South Hams District Council, it is a partnership of organisations developed to implement the Dart Estuary Environmental Management Plan. DEEM is funded, in part (50%), by local contributing organisations and the remaining funding is from European sources.

Dart Fisheries Association

Work towards maintaining the trout and salmon fisheries on the river Dart. Volunteers conduct habitat surveys, improve spawning habitat and campaign for a more sustainable fishery.

Dart Forum

An initiative established by the Dart Estuary Environmental Management Plan Steering Committee to obtain the views of organisations who represent the people to whom the Management Plan will be addressed. Membership of the Forum is open to any organisation, statutory or otherwise, private or public, which can demonstrate an interest in matters relating to the estuary. Forum meeting, where anyone with an interest in the Dart Estuary can attend.

Dart Harbour and Navigation Authority

The organisation that is responsible for navigation, pilotage, mooring and informing on pollution regulations and acting on pollution incidents within the Dart estuary.

Dart Oyster Fishery

Information unavailable at time of print.

Dart Project Community Care Trust (S Devon) Ltd

Information unavailable at time of print.

Dart Valley Railway

A steam railway operating between Buckfastleigh and Totnes along the River Dart. It is registered as a charitable trust.

Dartington Hall Trust

A registered charity that has been operating since 1935, it has given focus, impetus and charitable support to a variety of activities connected with education, the arts, research and the regeneration of the countryside and the rural economy.

Dartington Natural History Society

A local society that organises talks and walks on natural history.

Dartington Tech

A college established by the Dartington Hall Trust in 1983, to provide and develop training and continuing education for the local community in the South Hams.

Dartmoor Badger Protection League

An organisation that campaigns against the culling of badgers.

Dartmoor Biodiversity Steering Group

A partnership between organisations and individuals involved in drafting and implementing the targets and actions contained in the Dartmoor Biodiversity Action Plan.

Dartmoor Commoners' Council

Constituted by the Dartmoor Commons Act 1985 (c. xxxvii). Responsible "for the maintenance of and the promotion of proper standards of livestock husbandry on the commons in and about the Dartmoor National Park; to regulate public access to the commons; to confer powers on that Council and on the county council of Devon with reference to those commons; and for connected and other purposes."

Dartmoor for All

Aims to improve access to the Dartmoor National Park.

Dartmoor Hillfarm Project

A project to help Dartmoor farmers, through a variety of methods from focus groups to helping get collaborative work off the ground.

Dartmoor National Park Authority

An organisation comprising 26 members appointed by Devon County Council, District Councils and the government. Their aims are to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area and to promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the area's special qualities by the public.

Dartmoor Pony Society

A society that aims to encourage and promote the breeding of registered pure Dartmoor ponies, improve the conformation of the breed without altering the essential characteristics of the Dartmoor pony, encourage and promote the production of the Dartmoor pony as a child's pony under saddle and maintain the Dartmoor Pony Society Stud Book.

Dartmoor Preservation Association

A registered charity that aims to enhance and conserve the landscape, antiquities, flora and fauna, natural beauty, cultural heritage and scientific interest of Dartmoor and preserve public access subject to the ancient rights of commoners.

Dartmoor Society

Aims to be an independent voice and a forum for debate for those who find Dartmoor a source of livelihood or inspiration. The Society promotes the human, cultural and historical aspects of Dartmoor, as well as those of its natural environment. They encourage environmentally and socially beneficial use of pasture, woodland, soil, stone, minerals and water.

Dartmoor Tourist Association

A voluntary committee that represents and promotes tourism and related businesses in the Dartmoor area. They ensure that accommodation providers are suitably accredited and produce a Dartmoor guidebook.

Dartmoor Trust

An independent charity established in 1996 to grant aid practical projects which help benefit Dartmoor, its communities and visitors. It helps to fund projects which conserve wildlife and cultural heritage, support the social and economic well-being of local communities and improve environmental awareness of Dartmoor's special qualities.

Dartmouth & District Market & Coastal Towns Initiative

An initiative run by the South West of England Regional Development Agency to help market and coastal towns and their surrounding communities to identify priorities for the future of their area, to gain the skills necessary to take action, and then to implement their plans. It helps to co-ordinate activity of local and regional agencies and provides a 'gateway' to funding programmes.

Dartmouth & Kingswear Society

Dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the historic towns of Dartmouth and Kingswear, the villages of Blackawton, Dittisham, Stoke Fleming and Strete, the River Dart and the neighbouring coastline and countryside of the county of Devon, UK. Both the natural and built environments are within their scope.

Dartmouth Chamber of Trade

A Dartmouth forum that represents local business interest and encourages trade.

Dartmouth Watersports Association

Aim to promote watersports in the Dartmouth area.

Dartmouth Yacht Club

One of several yacht and sailing clubs on the River Dart Estuary.

Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)

DEFRA was formed from the then Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF) and environmental and countryside business areas from the then Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions (DETR). It is the government department that administers policies on rural affairs including farm subsidies, environmental policies, rural matters, farming and food production.

Devon Association for Renewable Energy (DARE)

An association formed in 2001 to promote renewable energy, it has teamed up with Cornwall under the Countryside Agency's Community Renewables Initiative to provide information, support and encouragement for community schemes.

Devon Association of Parish Councils

The Devon Association of Parish Councils has a membership of over 350 town and parish councils and parish meetings throughout the county of Devon. Member councils vary in size from Exmouth Town Council with an electorate of nearly 25,000 to parish meetings such as Cadbury with 99 electors. DAPC seeks to uphold the interests of this diverse membership and to put forward the views of the tier of local government closest to the people and their communities in general.

Devon Association of Smallholders

It was established in 1986 to serve the needs and interests of smallholders and those planning to undertake any kind of country living in Devon and the South West and co-operates with other like-minded organisations. It encourages members to carry out their smallholding activities in an environmentally sensitive way.

Devon Bat Group

Part of a UK-wide network of volunteer-based local bat groups working to protect and conserve Britain's bats. Devon supports every species of British bat. Activities of the Devon Bat Group include visiting roost owners, organising bat box schemes and surveys, giving educational talks, arranging bat walks and caring for sick and injured bats. Licensed members carry out bat wardening work for English Nature.

Devon Biodiversity Records Centre (DBRC)

Part of the Devon Wildlife Trust. It aims to provide accurate, up-to-date information on biodiversity to anyone who wants it, including the public, researchers, teachers, students, environmental Consultants and local authorities.

Devon Birdwatching & Preservation Society

A society for the study and conservation of birds in Devon. They run a series of nature reserves, conduct surveys and produce annual reports on the birds occurring in Devon.

Devon Bootlegs

Part of the Ramblers' Association aiming to support younger walkers, they organise walks.

Devon Conservation Forum

A charity that promotes the sustainable use of resources in Devon. It represents a wide cross section of groups and individuals concerned with the wise use of the county's resources. It promotes best practice in design, in the built environment and in countryside management.

Devon County Council

Devon operates on a three tier system of local government. Devon County council is at the top of this system with district councils and parish councils beneath. Each tier has different but occasionally overlapping responsibilities. Devon CC are involved in waste disposal, recycling, local planning, protecting the local environment, developing contingency plans for major pollution incidents, supporting local businesses, applying the policy and principles of Agenda 21 and supporting the farming community. They employ a county ecologist who liaises with other organisations in the production of Biodiversity Action Plans, promotes wildlife and provides advice. It has powers to apply conservation designations to areas according to their flora/fauna etc within the Devon County Structure Plan. County Councillors have been elected on to the Devon Sea Fisheries Committee. The County Council promotes recreation and tourism within the county. They have provided a network of cycle paths and bridleways. They are responsible for all issues relating to public right of way. The county archaeological service advises district councils and land owners on the maritime historic environment.

Devon Discovery

Outdoor and residential centres located in Devon to give every child of school age the opportunity to take part in a residential experience. All centres promote an understanding of the environment.

Devon Environmental Business Initiative

A non-profit making organisation set up by business representatives to support business in Devon. It aims to support and motivate businesses of all sizes and from all sectors in Devon to adopt environmentally sound and profitable business policies and achieve environmental best practice. It organises an environmental award scheme, runs an annual conference, publishes newsletters and helps to forge links between businesses and environmental groups.

Devon Food Links

A local food initiative based in the Economy and Regeneration department of Devon County Council in Exeter. It aims to contribute to sustainable development by creating jobs, business opportunities and increasing wealth within local economies, encouraging sustainable agricultural and food distribution practices, highlighting and celebrating local distinctiveness, promoting sustainable urban and rural communities and increasing healthy food choices. They work in partnership with a number of local agencies and organisations.

Devon Gardens Trust

A charity that promotes public understanding and appreciation of the "arts and sciences" of gardens in Devon.

Devon Hedge Group

A forum of organisations and individuals to promote the appreciation and understanding of hedges in Devon. Members represent people with an interest in agriculture, the conservation of wildlife and landscape, and historical and cultural values.

Devon Knotweed Forum

An alliance of organisations in Devon with an active interest in the co-ordinated control of Japanese Knotweed, its hybrids and other invasive Knotweeds in Devon. The aim of the Forum is to raise awareness of the problems caused by Japanese Knotweed, share information about control and increase recording.

Devon Local Flood Defence Committee

Information unavailable at time of print.

Devon Play

Devon Play Association is based in Exeter. The organisation develops and promotes children's play opportunities in response to rural isolation, lack of amenities and the lack of access to open space experienced by children in Devon.

Devon RIGS Group

Devon Regionally Important Geological Sites Group

Devon Rural Skills Trust

A charity that aims to preserve traditional skills such as thatching, dry stone walling etc.

Devon Sea Fisheries Committee

The sea fisheries committee for the Dart Estuary. They set and enforce local bylaws for all sea fish within the river and the adjoining coastline out to six nautical miles. The powers of the DSFC also extend to national legislation for specific acts. They seek to encourage the use of shellfish cultivation to reduce the impact of collection on wild shellfish stocks through considered management.

Devon Wildlife Trust

DWT was established in 1962 to protect Devon's wildlife now and for the future. It is one of 46 Wildlife Trusts that comprise the Wildlife Trusts and is the only organisation committed solely to wildlife conservation in Devon. DWT works by advising on land management, championing wildlife, monitoring plans for development, running nature reserves, delivering biodiversity targets and promoting public awareness of the beauty and fragility of Devon's natural habitats.

Devonshire Association

The Devonshire association was established in 1862 to further the study of science, literature and the arts in relation to the county of Devon and to promote the exchange of ideas. They run a programme of lectures and events.

Dittisham Sailing Club

A dinghy sailing club based in Dittisham.

Drinking Water Inspectorate

The Drinking Water Inspectorate (DWI) regulates public water supplies in England and Wales.

DWI is responsible for assessing the quality of drinking water in England and Wales, taking enforcement action if standards are not being met, and appropriate action when water is unfit for human consumption.

Duchy of Cornwall

The Duchy of Cornwall covers all of the land owned by the Duke of Cornwall in the south of England. Over half of the 51885 hectare estate is on Dartmoor. The estate is run on a commercial basis and is tenanted out to about 200 farms.

Education Earthwise

A charity established to promote and network good practice in environmental education.

English Heritage

"The government's statutory adviser on the historic environment". It is known officially as the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England and is an "Executive Non-departmental Public Body" sponsored by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. Their responsibilities are set out in the National Heritage Act (1983, amended 2002). They give advice on the conservation of ancient monuments, historic buildings and conservation areas. They are the organisation that advises the Secretary of State on which buildings should be listed as being of special architectural or historical interest and on the scheduling of ancient monuments.

English Nature

A government agency set up by the Environment Protection Act 1990 and funded by the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. They champion the conservation of wildlife, geology and wild places in England. It uses a partnership approach to enable more people to get involved in nature conservation and increasing appreciation and respect of wildlife. It regards the countryside as a patchwork of natural areas, divided according to landforms, geology, wildlife, and land-use.

Environment Agency (EA)

The leading public body for protecting and improving the environment in England and Wales. The government agency responsible for managing waterways, conservation, flood protection, access to countryside and rivers, fisheries, navigation on inland waterways, land contamination, water resources, pollution prevention and control, waste management and recreation. The SW Region of the EA covers Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Somerset, Bristol, South Gloucestershire and most of Wiltshire.

Exe Estuary Management Partnership

The Exe Estuary Management Partnership, established in the mid-1990s, aims to encourage all those who use and manage the estuary to work together to avoid conflicts and pursue opportunities for improvement.

Farming and Rural Conservation Agency

Formerly an executive agency of MAFF covering rural economy, land use planning, milk hygiene, environmental protection, environment schemes and wildlife management. These activities are now covered by DEFRA.

Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group

FWAG provides farmers and landowners with practical advice on making adjustments to farm operations and enhancing farm features in order to support wildlife, landscape, archaeology, access and other conservation issues. This advice is based on whole farm management plans that can be implemented at little or no cost the farmer or landowner.

Federation of Small Businesses

The UK's leading lobbying and benefits group for small businesses.

Forest Enterprise

Responsible for managing the nation's forests for the joint aims of timber production, recreation and conservation.

Forest Enterprise – England

The organisation that manages the nation's forest estate responsible to the Forestry Commission.

Forestry Commission

The government body responsible for forestry in the UK. Under the 1967 Forestry Act, it has the following duties: Promote the interests of forestry, develop afforestation including the establishment and maintenance of adequate reserves of growing trees, producing and supplying timber and achieving a balance between productive forestry and the environment.

Forum for the Future

The leading sustainable development organisation in the UK. They aim to influence, organise projects on and promote sustainable development.

Fountain Forestry Plc.

An environmental services business operating in the United Kingdom, Ireland and United States.

Future West

A charitable company that promotes sustainable living in the West of England.

Government Office for the South West (GOSW)

An outpost of central government based in Plymouth, Truro and Bristol. They represent and bring together the regional offices of DEFRA, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, Dept. of Transport, Department for Education & Skills, Department of Trade & Industry, Home Office, Department of Health, Department for Work and Pensions and the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. The Plymouth office mainly deals with issues relating to Devon and Cornwall.

Groundwork Southwest

A charitable trust that aims 'to build sustainable communities through joint environmental action' through creating opportunities, for people to learn new skills, creating safer and healthier neighbourhoods and helping businesses fulfil their potential.

Hatchlands Trout Farm

Stream fed lakes near Rattery, Devon stocked with Rainbow, Brown, Golden, Brook and Triploid. Open to paying freshwater anglers.

Living Coasts

Living Coasts is a unique, world class aquatic visitor attraction, focusing on the conservation of coastal and marine life around the globe. It has been developed by Paignton Zoo, with financial support from the South West Regional Development Agency and the European Regional Development fund.

Local Commoners' Association

Dartmoor Local Commoners' Association is an association formed in 1952 for local people who farm on the common land of Dartmoor.

Marine Biological Association

A professional association for marine biologists.

Marine Conservation Society

The UK's national charity dedicated to the protection of the marine environment and its wildlife. They employ thousands of volunteers in surveys and other projects, inform and advise the government, industry and EU and bring marine conservation to public attention.

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food

The former government department for farming, fishing and food production. Its role has now been taken over by DEFRA.

National Association of Boat Owners

An association dedicated to promoting the interests of private boaters on Britain's canals, rivers and lakes, so that their voice can be heard when decisions are being made which might affect their boating. NABO will always challenge injustice where necessary at the highest level.

National Association of Farmers' Markets

A national body for promoting and accrediting farmers markets.

National Farmers' Union

The union representing the interests of farmers and growers in England and Wales. It aims to "promote successful and socially responsible agriculture and horticulture, while ensuring the long term viability of rural communities." It provides advice on rural and farming matters and support on issues affecting people who live in rural areas.

National Marine Aquarium

The first aquarium in the United Kingdom to be set up solely for the purpose of education, conservation and research. It has been open for 4 years and is Britain's foremost aquarium.

National Monuments Record Centre (NMRC)

The public archive of English Heritage. They hold an extensive aerial photographic archive.

National Trust

An independent charity established in 1895 to act as a "guardian for the nation in the acquisition and protection of threatened countryside, coastline and buildings." The trust protects 111 miles of coastline in Devon and 14,111 hectares of land. The trust protects several sites in the Dart catchment including Little Dartmouth and Dyers Wood.

Natural Environment Research Council

The research council for the environmental sciences. They fund, promote and support research through grants, institutions, conferences and publications.

Nurston Farm Fishery

A fishery near Buckfastleigh specialising in carp.

On the Right Tracks

A project in the South Hams for the restoration of green lanes and byways.

Orchard Link

Orchard Link was established in 1998 by group of orchard campaigners, advisors from Devon's local authorities, cidermakers and orchard owners to confront the wastage of apples and abandonment of traditional orchards. They provide advice and guidance on maintaining orchards and are based in Totnes.

Parish and Town Councils

Local government is divided into three tiers: County Council, District Council and Parish Council. The Parish and town councils are local authorities and have limited duties but quite wide powers, should they decide to use them. They often cover things like allotments, bus shelters, village halls, children's playgrounds, parks, seats, signs, notice boards and have a significant input to planning. Town and Parish councils also have an important role to play in the planning process in their areas. They are statutory consultees for individual planning applications and can input responses to the Local Plan, Structure Plan and Regional Planning Guidance.

Parliamentary Maritime Group

An all-party back bench information group that provides ministers with information about current issues affecting national interests in the sea, maritime or related industries and activities including defence safety and the conduct of operations at sea, the marine environment, and any other related matters of public concern and importance.

Plymouth Caving Group

A club for the exploration of mines and caves.

Plymouth Marine Laboratory

An independent and impartial collaborative centre of the Natural Environment Research Council [NERC]. The Plymouth Marine Laboratory exists to carry out fundamental, core strategic and applied marine research of a world-class standard.

Ramblers' Association (Devon Area)

Britain's biggest organisation promoting the interests of walkers, maintaining and protecting footpaths, campaigning for increased access to land for walkers, campaigning against unsightly developments and educating the public about the benefits of walking.

Regen SW

Regional Renewable Energy Agency of the South West, set up in Exeter in 2003.

River Dart Adventures & Dart Training Group

A privately owned and managed tourism and training business based at Ashburton.

River Dart Non-Beneficiary Group

Information unavailable at time of print.

River Dart Raft Race

An annual raft race on the Dart.

River Ocean

The riverOcean Foundation is a Brighton based charity dedicated to increasing awareness and encouraging care for our water environments. Activities are focused in the fields of environmental education and research.

River Quest

Information unavailable at time of print.

Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England

The Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England compiles and makes available the national record of England's ancient monuments and historic buildings for use by individuals and bodies concerned with understanding, interpreting and managing the historic environment.

Royal Dart Yacht Club

One of several Yacht and sailing clubs on the Dart Estuary.

Royal National Institute for the Blind

The UK's leading charity offering information, support and advice to over two million people with sight problems. They campaign for equal rights for people with sight problems and fund research into eye disease.

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)

The RSPB is the UK charity working to secure a healthy environment for birds and wildlife by developing a public interest in them. It is Europe's biggest voluntary conservation charity and has over 967,000 members. They are involved in scientific research, law enforcement, campaigning for government and EU policy changes, managing nature reserves and educating children. They regularly comment on discussion papers concerning coastal and marine policy produced by government and statutory agencies. They involve themselves in coastal and estuarine management initiatives.

Rudolf Steiner School S. Devon

A educational institution with a curriculum is based on a pedagogical philosophy that places emphasis on the whole development of the child, including a child's spiritual, physical and moral well being as well as academic progress. The education is based on the ideas of Rudolf Steiner, an Austrian educator, scientist and philosopher.

Rural Skills Trust

See Devon Rural Skills Trust.

Schumacher College

Schumacher College is an international centre for ecological studies. Based in Devon

Seaquest SW

A recording project run by the Cornwall and Devon wildlife trusts. Seaquest aims to gather information necessary conservation and to raise awareness about the needs and lives of these species. As well as survey work Seaquest also specialises in education about marine life and relevant issues.

Sharpham Trust

The Sharpham Trust was established as a Registered Charity in 1984. It exists explicitly to preserve and enhance a historic estate, to encourage the right stewardship of its resources, to provide spiritual education and to promote the arts of living.

Shellfish Association of Great Britain

Advise and educates members on legislation, equipment and marketing opportunities. They also mediate on a range of environmental issues including pollution, dredging for aggregate and stock conservation.

Slapton Ley Field Centre

A field studies centre based next to the Slapton Ley, the largest freshwater lake in the SW and a 200 hectare national nature reserve owned by the Whitley Wildlife Trust and managed by the centre. They are partners on the Cycleau project working on the catchment of the Ley.

Small Farms Association

Formed in 1997, they primarily represent people who farm areas of less than 250 acres and who feel disenfranchised by the larger farming unions. They work to represent those who are interested in the conservation of the countryside and those who are interested in more traditional and less intensive methods of farming.

Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings

Founded in 1877 to counteract the highly destructive 'restoration' of medieval buildings being practised by many Victorian architects. Today it is the largest, oldest and most technically expert national pressure group fighting to save old buildings from decay, demolition and damage.

Soil Association

The regulatory body for organic food production. They set standards, offer advice and provide recognised organic accreditation.

South Dartmoor Cyclists' Touring Club

South Dartmoor CTC are a voluntary organisation that offers weekly cycle rides and social activities for young cyclists aged 10-15 living in and around the South Dartmoor area of Devon. Most of their rides start in Buckfastleigh and surrounding villages.

South Devon & Channel Shellfishermen's Association

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South Devon AONB

South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is managed by a partnership hosted by the South Hams District Council (SHDC) and cofunded by SHDC, Devon County Council and the Countryside Agency. The area stretches along the coast from Plymouth to Torbay, extending up estuaries including that of the Dart. A management plan has been created for the area to highlight the special qualities of the AONB, present a vision for its future, set out policies and objectives, identify needs, state how the area will be monitored, reflect the views of stakeholders and co-ordinate the work of different partner organisations.

South Devon Coast and Countryside Service

See Coast and Countryside Service.

South Devon Community Supported Farming Group

A non-profit voluntary group of local people based in Totnes who work with farmers, growers and allotment holders to run events for their mutual benefit in the process of growing food and distributing it locally. All food is produced using biodynamic or organic principles. It links farms, school gardens, allotments and small-holdings with local communities. Events include community food planting, weeding, harvest, festivals and celebrations.

South Hams Access Group

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South Hams Council for Voluntary Service

Established in 1995, to provide support for and reflect the needs of the local voluntary and community sector including a range of local voluntary organisations and community groups that work at a neighbourhood, parish, town or District level. These organisations deliver services, advice or support to their community. South Hams CVS also identifies the needs of the sector, disseminates information and acts as an effective liaison with statutory bodies. South Hams CVS is a member of the National Association of Councils for Voluntary Service (NACVS), the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO), and is a registered charity in its own right.

South Hams District Council

The second tier of Devon's three tier system of local government is the District Council. Each of the three tiers has a different set of responsibilities. SHDC take responsibility for the following:
Environmental Health: Air quality, camping sites, drains and sewers, asbestos, contaminated land, pests, Management of canals and waterways, parks and open spaces, Protecting and enhancing Devon's environment, recycling, refuse collection, street cleaning and litter, street lighting, Supporting and co-ordinating public and community transport. Misc.: Allotments, car parks, cemeteries, council tax and business rate collection, country parks, electoral registration, financial support for voluntary organisations, leisure centres and schools, Licensing of markets, museums and arts, Supporting and developing the local economy, Tourism. Planning: Emergency planning, industrial units, Local planning and building and development control. Housing: Housing and housing benefit

South Hams Tourism Forum

The Tourism Forum meets four to five times per year and is a semi formal public/private sector body which meets to agreed the broad thrust of the area's current marketing and tourism initiatives, for business networking, to advise South Hams District Council and other regional/national agencies on topical matters of concern affecting the tourism industry. A representative is elected annually to represent all the different tourism sectors. The elected representatives help from time to time to give their opinions and views on aspects of the tourism industry. In the past the Forum representatives have been consulted to progress the South Hams Marketing and Tourism Strategy and to lobby Government on occasions such as during the foot and mouth crisis.

South West Climate Change Impacts Partnership (SWCCIP)

A partnership between key regional stakeholders, including representatives from statutory agencies, of all levels of government, the business community and voluntary sector. The Partnership's mission is: "to investigate, inform and advise on the impacts of climate change in South West England".

South West Coast Path Association

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South West Federation of Sea Anglers

Aims to ensure that recreational marine fishing and bait collection is performed in a sustainable and environmental sensitive way through good practice and codes of conduct.

South West Observatory

The SWO was set up by a partnership of regional bodies to share the production, analysis and dissemination of intelligence and research related to regional policy in the South West of England. The South West Observatory is made up of five thematic modules, seven local intelligence networks and a co-ordinating core unit, whose operation is funded by the South West of England Regional Development Agency (SWRDA).

South West of England Regional Development Agency

Aims to ensure the long term economic success of the South West region. They provide regional economic leadership.

South West Tourism Ltd

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South West Water Ltd.

The statutory authority that provides water and sewerage services in the South West in accordance with UK and EU regulatory frameworks. It is owned by the Pennon Group Plc, which also includes Viridor Waste, Viridor Properties and Viridor Instrumentation. The company is regulated by the Environment Agency (controlled waters and water abstraction), the Drinking Water Inspectorate (in relation to the provision and treatment of potable water) and Ofwat (financial and economic regulation).

Southwest Lakes Trust

An organisation formed to promote and enhance sustainable recreation, access and nature conservation on and around inland waters in the South West of England for the benefit of the general public.

Stoke Gabriel Boating Association

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Surfers Against Sewage

An organisation that campaigns for clean, safe recreational waters, free from sewage effluents, toxic chemicals and nuclear waste. Using a solution based argument of viable and sustainable alternatives, SAS highlight the inherent flaws in current practises, attitudes and legislation, challenging industry, legislators and politicians to end their 'pump and dump' policies.

Sustainable Futures

A consultancy which supports communities and organisations to develop a shared sense of purpose and vision

Teign Estuary Partnership

Working towards a sustainable future for the Teign Estuary by balancing different interests, protecting natural resources and pursuing opportunities for improvement.

Teignbridge District Council

The second tier of Devon's three tier system of local government is the District Council. Each of the three tiers has a different set of responsibilities. The District of Teignbridge centres on the River Teign.

Tidy Britain Group

Run the Seaside Awards for British beaches, award Blue Flags to beaches through their partners and are involved in many other campaigns against littering. They are part of the charity EnCams, an environmental charity which aims to achieve litter free and sustainable environments.

Torbay Coast & Countryside Trust

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Torbay Council

The second tier of Devon's three tier system of local government is the District Council. Each of the three tiers has a different set of responsibilities. Torbay Council is a Unitary Authority. The Council comprises 36 Councillors who are elected by the residents of Torbay. Councillors are democratically accountable to the residents of their Wards. Priorities set out in the Torbay Strategic Plan include Corporate Governance and Economic Regeneration, Environment, Community Services and Health, Learning and Culture, Human Resources, Law and Support and Finance.

Totnes & District Community Strategy Group

Information unavailable at time of print.

Totnes & District Society

Information unavailable at time of print.

Totnes Town Council

See Parish and Town Councils

UK Rivers Network

A community centred, grass roots organisation that acts to facilitate the interchange of information between groups and individuals who are interested in rivers. The main focus of their work is networking but they occasionally get involved with education, campaigning and long-term policy work.

West Devon Environmental Network

An independent charity that was launched in 1994 to pioneer new methods of sustainable development and regeneration both locally and internationally. It supports a network of 200 members representing business, local government, community, environmental and other interests. Members form advisory groups for projects which are chaired by West DEN Trustees.

Westcountry Rivers Trust

An environmental charity established in 1995 to secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of the rivers, streams, watercourses and water impoundments in the Westcountry and to advance the education of the public in the management of water. They work in partnership with various other organisations and individuals and collaborate with a range of stakeholders. The Trust aims to "circumvent sectoral interests and encourages joint solutions to the complex environmental problems our society currently faces."

Wild Trout Trust

The leading UK organisation dedicated to the conservation and restoration of wild trout fisheries. Involved in a range of educational, research and habitat improvement activities.

Wildwise

WildWise design and deliver environmental education and training programmes for national and regional environmental organisations. Based in Devon

Woodland Trust

The UK's leading conservation charity dedicated to the protection of our native woodland heritage. They campaign to create and improve policies, incentives and legislation to protect ancient woodland, improve woodland biodiversity and increase native woodland cover. They manage 6 areas of woodland within the Dart catchment.

World Wide Fund for Nature

The world's largest and most experienced independent conservation organisation consisting of a global network that works in over 90 countries. The UK branch of WWF was formed in 1961 as the first National Organisation in the WWF network. They are a challenging, constructive, science-based organisation that addresses issues from the survival of species and habitats to climate change, sustainable business and environmental education and a charity dependent upon its five million supporters worldwide - some 90 per cent of our income derives from voluntary sources such as people and the business community.