

WILTSHIRE FISHERY ASSOCIATION – WEED CUTTING DATES 2019 – FINAL

<u>River Wylve - Bathampton to Chilhampton</u>		No
<u>CUTTING</u>	<u>CLEARING DOWN</u>	Days
Mon 8th to Mon 15th April	Tues 16th & Wed 17th April	10
Thurs 9th to Wed 22nd May	Thurs 23rd & Fri 24th May	16
Mon 24th June to Tues 9th July	Wed 10th & Thurs 11th July	18
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<u>River Wylve - Below Chilhampton</u>		
<u>CUTTING</u>	<u>CLEARING DOWN</u>	
Tues 16th to Tues 23rd April	Wed 24th & Thurs 25th April	10
Thurs 16th to Wed 29th May	Thurs 30th & Fri 31st May	16
Mon 1st to Tues 16th July	Wed 17th & Thurs 18th July	18
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<u>River Nadder</u>		
<u>CUTTING</u>	<u>CLEARING DOWN</u>	
Mon 8th to Mon 15th April	Tues 16th & Wed 17th April	10
Thurs 9th to Wed 22nd May	Thurs 23rd & Fri 24th May	16
Mon 24th June to Tues 9th July	Wed 10th & Thurs 11th July	18
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<u>River Avon - Above Crossing 'C'</u>		
<u>CUTTING</u>	<u>CLEARING DOWN</u>	
Wed 24th April to Wed 8th May	Thurs 9th & Fri 10th May	17
Thurs 13th to Tues 25th June	Wed 26th & Thurs 27th June	15
Sun 21st to Tues 30th July	Wed 31st July & Thurs 1st August	12
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<u>River Avon - Below Crossing 'C'</u>		
<u>CUTTING</u>	<u>CLEARING DOWN</u>	
Sun 28th April to Sun 12th May	Mon 13th & Tues 14th May	17
Mon 17th to Sat 29th June	Sun 30th June & Mon 1st July	15
Tues 23rd July to Thurs 1st August	Fri 2nd & Sat 3rd August	12
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IMPORTANT NOTES

Under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 - 'Exempt Water Discharge Activity' – The Environment Agency allows members of the Wiltshire Fishery Association to cut weed on the agreed dates and in accordance with the conditions of the exemption. This programme of dates is now agreed for 2019 and there is no intention to amend it, unless circumstances arise when this is necessary. In that event, the changes will be posted on the WFA website <http://wiltshirefisheryassociation.org> under "NEWS" and circulated to River Email Groups. Before you cut weed, it is your responsibility to check both the website and your email group.

1. Cutting MUST start at the beginning of the dates allowed.
2. You MUST inform your downstream neighbour before cutting and when you have finished clearing down and of any subsequent problems. Regular communication with your upstream and downstream neighbours is essential to ensure trouble-free weed cutting and clearing down.
3. Cutting of weed outside of the authorised dates, without the Agency's consent, constitutes an offence under Section 90 of the Water Resources Act 1991.
4. Unauthorised cutting should be reported immediately to the Environment Agency using their Pollution Hotline Tel: 0800 80 70 60 – Note the exact location (grid reference), date & time & take photographs. Do not enter neighbouring property unless you have permission to do so.
5. Weed cutting should be undertaken in a manner that is sensitive to the needs of the river habitat. Overzealous cutting of in-river weed (or marginal vegetation) can significantly reduce water levels, which can have a negative impact on invertebrates, fish and other wildlife.
6. In all cases the final two days, as shown separately in the table above, MUST be regarded as 'clearing down' days and any weed not cut before these days, left uncut. In some circumstances, especially in low water periods, you may need to extend the period of clearing down beyond two days, to ensure there's plenty of time for cut weed to move through the system.
7. Report all blockages and any other weed related issues immediately to the WFA Hon Sec:

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