

WILTSHIRE FISHERY ASSOCIATION – WEED CUTTING DATES 2017 – FINAL

RIVER WYLYE – Bathampton to Chilhampton	
CUTTING	CLEARING DOWN
Friday 7 th - Friday 14 th April	Saturday 15 th & Sunday 16 th April
Saturday 6 th – Friday 19 th May	Saturday 20 th & Sunday 21 st May
Thursday 29 th June – Friday 14 th July	Saturday 15 th & Sunday 16 th July
RIVER WYLYE – Below Chilhampton	
CUTTING	CLEARING DOWN
Friday 14 th - Friday 21 st April	Saturday 22 nd & Sunday 23 rd April
Saturday 13 th – Friday 26 th May	Saturday 27 th & Sunday 28 th May
Thursday 6 th – Friday 21 st July	Saturday 22 nd & Sunday 23 rd July
RIVER AVON - Above Crossing 'C'	
CUTTING	CLEARING DOWN
Friday 21 st April – Friday 5 th May	Saturday 6 th & Sunday 7 th May
Wednesday 14 th – Monday 26 th June	Tuesday 27 th & Wednesday 28 th June
Monday 24 th July – Wednesday 2 nd August	Thursday 3 rd & Friday 4 th August
RIVER AVON - Below Crossing 'C'	
CUTTING	CLEARING DOWN
Monday 24 th April – Monday 8 th May	Tuesday 9 th & Wednesday 10 th May
Friday 16 th – Wednesday 28 th June	Thursday 29 th & Friday 30 th June
Wednesday 26 th July – Friday 4 th August	Saturday 5 th & Sunday 6 th August
RIVER NADDER	
CUTTING	CLEARING DOWN
Friday 7 th - Tuesday 18 th April	Wednesday 19 th & Thursday 20 th April
Monday 12 th – Monday 26 th June	Tuesday 27 th & Wednesday 28 th June
Thursday 27 th July – Sunday 6 th August	Monday 7 th & Tuesday 8 th August

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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 2017 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 their 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 only' 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:

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