



Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

We know that England's rarest and richest chalk stream rivers should be gin-clear and sparkling with vitality. Instead, they are clogged and choked by toxic chemicals, fertilisers and sewage. Drought and overconsumption are draining the life out of rivers, with devastating consequences for the wildlife and people who rely on them.

Healthy rivers are vital for our water supply, our food security and our ability to withstand a changing climate but current targets mean our rivers will remain degraded and unhealthy until at least 2063!



'The state of our chalk streams is shocking, which is why this September we are joining with partners across the south of England in launching a new campaign to Save our Chalk Streams'

Do you have stories of rivers near you that are struggling, polluted or have declined within your lifetime? Is there a precious river near you that you want to protect from damage? Are you already taking action to protect and restore your local rivers?

We need your photos and videos for our campaign launch. We want you to tell us your age in 2063, the date the government says our rivers will be healthy and why you think that is too late. If you are already taking action, we also want to hear what you are doing and share your story!

Support our Save our Chalk Streams Campaign

The Government says our rivers won't be healthy until 2063 but we can't wait 40 years to clean them up.

We want to highlight this by asking people to submit their age they will be in 2063 and why they care about our rivers to highlight the absurdity of it taking 40 years to restore our precious chalk streams.

NATURE 2030

Ahead of the General Election, over 70 environmental charities have joined forces to create a five-point plan for decision-makers. We want to see this reflected in all Party manifestos, to put a stop to nature's decline.

Will you join us? Sign our open letter to Party leaders. Ask them to commit to including these five actions into their manifestos:

- 1. A pay rise for nature** Farmers need greater support to help nature and manage over 70% of UK land. We want to see double the current budget for nature-friendly farming in future.
- 2. Make polluters pay** Business – from companies working in finance to retail to energy – all contribute to nature's decline and should contribute to nature's recovery.
- 3. More space for nature** Just 3% of the land and 8% of English waters are properly protected for nature. We want rapid action to expand and improve protected areas, and ensure public land and National Parks contribute more to recovery.
- 4. A National Nature Service** We want lots of helping hands if nature is to recover quickly and at scale. A 'National Nature Service' would create thousands of green jobs as well as a healthier society.
- 5. A right to a healthy environment** Limited access to nature, and pollution in the air and water, affects everyone's health: An 'Environmental Rights' Bill would drive better decisions for nature and improve public health.

Read the Nature 2030 proposals in full

Want to see a healthy environment, where polluters pay and there's more space for nature? Sign on today using our simple form.

<https://action.wildlifetrusts.org/page/131895/petition/1>