

Hampshire Avon DTC News flash



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Knowledge Exchange

Fiona Grant and Dave Allen (BGS) explored the target sub-catchments to clarify spring sources, borehole locations and other unknown 'issues' to help in the preparation of a report to help select the best areas to sample to date recharge waters using the analysis of gases: CFCs and SF6. This information will also feed into the development of conceptual models of the hydrogeology of the Hampshire Avon DTC sub-catchments.

Adrian Collins presented an overview of the DTC national sediment project at the DTC sediment investigations meeting, including up to date results for the Wensum DTC catchment. This meeting was attended by DEFRA, EA, NE and some postgraduate students from Cranfield University and UEA.

Senior DEFRA and Environment Agency staff attended a meeting in the Wensum DTC to learn about the ongoing research activities being carried out by the three project test catchments: Avon, Wensum, Eden. This event aimed to raise the profile of the DTCs as outdoor laboratories providing an evidence base in support of government policy.



The event included a tour of the Wensum DTC surface water monitoring sites and a talk from one of the principal

landowners in a Wensum target sub-catchment.

The Hampshire Avon DTC attended the Eden DTC Open Day. The meeting looked at different perspectives from the Eden catchment including a local farmer, the local rivers trust and the catchment sensitive farming monitoring manager. It also included a knowledge exchange activity to draw out ideas on how best to improve knowledge and understanding of catchment management and a tour of the Newton Rigg demonstration farm platform.



Imminent meetings

2nd Aug – DTC mitigation measures meeting

9th/10th Aug – Archive Knowledge Elicitation Workshop with the Freshwater Biological Association at Windermere. The purpose of this workshop is to understand the type of data the DTC project will produce and how this will be interrogated in the future by different end users.

Please don't forget to check out the project website for all project updates and news: www.avondtc.org.uk