

# Hampshire Avon DTC News flash

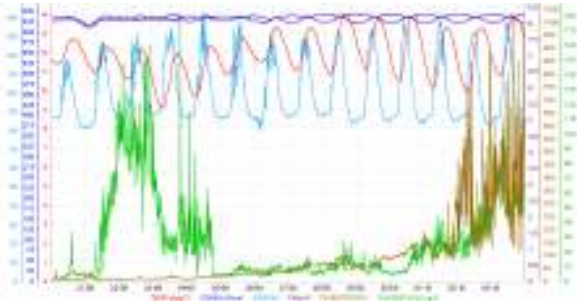


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## Monitoring Activities

### ***Surface water monitoring:***

Data collected from the portable multi-parameter YSI sonde at the Brixton Deverill high spec monitoring site for September:



***Please note that this data is collected in real time and is not quality assured.***

### ***Groundwater monitoring:***

We are starting to dig up the 370 porous pot sampling tubes to ground level now that farmers have harvested and re-drilling their land. This will mean we are ready to start sampling these as soon as it begins to wet up this autumn.

### ***Field walks:***

A training event was held at the Westcountry Rivers Trust to demonstrate the



effectiveness of the use of toughbooks in gathering data out in the field. The team will use the toughbook in order to collect spatial data for the Tamar catchment to feed into the DTC.

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The Avon consortium attended the Catchment Science 2011 international conference in Dublin, Ireland. The conference was aimed at



scientists, policy makers, farmers

and land managers and was jointly hosted by the Irish Agricultural Catchments Programme (Teagasc/DAFF) and the UK Demonstration Test Catchments Projects (Defra/Environment Agency).

A presentation was given by Dan McGonigle (DEFRA) on the DTC national project with short presentations from Faye Outram (Wensum DTC), Fiona Grant (Hampshire Avon DTC) and Claire Benskin (Eden DTC).

The FARMSCOPER tool was presented at this meeting by the Avon consortium and a live demonstration of the tool was also shown.

This was an excellent conference highlighting the breadth of catchment research across the world. It also

incorporated a field trip to the Irish DTC sites where we had the opportunity to discuss with local farmers



their thoughts and concerns and view the monitoring equipment. We were also treated to some excellent Irish dancing and folk music, by Teagasc's very own band!

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## **Imminent meetings**

21<sup>st</sup> Oct – Hampshire Avon DTC  
Knowledge Exchange meeting

26<sup>th</sup> Oct – Workshop on Knowledge  
Exchange in Catchment Management at  
Newcastle University

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