

# **FINAL WEED CUTTING DATES 2017 RIVER TEST**



## **SECTOR A River Test from Source to the A34 bridge near Whitchurch**

<b><i>Sector A Cutting Dates</i></b>	<b><i>Sector A Clearing Off Dates</i></b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June (midnight)	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> July (midnight)	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July – Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug – Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug (midnight)	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug – Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug

## **SECTOR B River Test from A34 bridge near Whitchurch to the A303 bridge at Gavelacre**

<b><i>Sector B Cutting Dates</i></b>	<b><i>Sector B Clearing Off Dates</i></b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June (midnight)	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June – Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July – Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July (midnight)	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July – Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug – Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug (midnight)	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug – Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug

## **ANTON, PILLHILL, BOURNE and DEVER**

<b><i>Anton, Pillhill, Bourne &amp; Dever Cutting Dates</i></b>	<b><i>Clearing Off Dates</i></b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June (midnight)	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June – Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July – Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July (midnight)	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July – Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug – Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug (midnight)	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug – Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug

## **SECTOR C River Test from A303 bridge at Gavelacre to the boundary between Leckford Estate and the Houghton Club at Longstock**

<b><i>Sector C Cutting Dates</i></b>	<b><i>Sector C Clearing Off Dates</i></b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June (midnight)	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June – Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> June
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July – Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July (midnight)	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July – Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug – Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug (midnight)	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug – Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug

## **SECTOR D River Test from boundary between Leckford Estate and Houghton Club to the road between Horsebridge and Bossington Mill**

<b><i>Sector D Cutting Dates</i></b>	<b><i>Sector D Clearing Off Dates</i></b>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June – Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June (midnight)	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> June – Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July – Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July (midnight)	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug – Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug (midnight)	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug

## **SECTOR E River Test from the road between Horsebridge and Bossington Mill to the weed boom at Greatbridge plus Wallop Brook**

<b><i>Sector E Cutting Dates</i></b>	<b><i>Sector E Clearing Off Dates</i></b>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June – Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> June (midnight)	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June – Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July – Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July (midnight)	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July – Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug – Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug (midnight)	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug – Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug

## **RIVER DUN from source to confluence with River Test at Kimbridge**

<b><i>River Dun Cutting Dates</i></b>	<b><i>River Dun Clearing Off Dates</i></b>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June (midnight)	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June – Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July – Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July (midnight)	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July – Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug – Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug (midnight)	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug – Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug

## **SECTOR F River Test from the weed boom at Greatbridge to the sea**

<b><i>Sector F Cutting Dates</i></b>	<b><i>Sector F Clearing Off Dates</i></b>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June – Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June (midnight)	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July (midnight)	Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July – Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug (midnight)	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug – Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug

## WINTER OPEN PERIOD

Weed may be cut any time after 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016 until 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017. However owners are asked to ensure that cutting is completed before trout spawning begins and that bank side vegetation is not allowed to fall in the river.

### IMPORTANT NOTES

1. **Cutting should start at the beginning of the dates allowed. Please inform your downstream neighbour when you have finished clearing off and of any subsequent problems. Regular communication with your neighbours upstream and downstream is essential to ensure trouble-free weed cutting and clearing down.  
Weed cutting boats should finish one day before the end of each cutting period**
2. **The Environment Agency, has granted consent for the general cutting of weed on the river Test, and approved the dates overleaf. In the event of low river flows (and high water temperatures) the Environment Agency may request that weed cuts are postponed or reduced in extent in order to maintain water levels and quality.  
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**
3. **Grass cuttings and bank trimmings must NEVER be put into the river.  
Depositing any form of solid waste in the river, including bankside vegetation, is strictly prohibited under Sections 85 and 90 of the Water Resources Act 1991**
4. **Riparian owners are asked to carry out all dredging, bank maintenance and other works likely to cause displacement of silt, before Christmas, to avoid damage to spawning. The advice of the Agency should be sought before the commencement of any work and the necessary land drainage consents obtained.**
5. **Weed cutting should be undertaken in a manner which is sensitive to the needs of the river habitat. Overzealous or indiscriminate cutting of river weed or marginal vegetation can negatively impact habitat for healthy fly life, fish and other wildlife.**

By Order of the Board of the Association.

Jeremy Legge  
Executive Director

### CONTACT POINTS IN CASE OF DIFFICULTIES

The Association's **Voluntary River Test Wardens** may be contacted on the following mobile numbers on the dates indicated. Please contact the T&I Office outside these dates if you have any weed cut issues.

Lt Col Nigel de Foubert	07796 622208	During the weed cut
Col Ron Dadswell	07940 405684	During the clear down
Lt Col Keith Fisher	07711 931812	The three days after clear down

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**Environment Agency  
Emergency Hot Line  
0800 80 70 60 (24hrs)**  
(Mobile Phone Users must  
prefix 0800 number with a \*)