

"Water Quality Measurement Network" (WQMN) recordings on the Warwickshire Avon at Jubilee Bridge Fladbury

| WQMN Records | | | | WQMN Observations | | | | | | | WQMN Measurements | | | | GirlingAS Notes | |
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| Sample Date | Operator / Representing | Location | Time | River Level | Flow | Weather | Rain in last 24hrs | Algal Bloom | Signs of Pollution | Additional Notes for WQMN | Water Temp. (°C) | Electrical Conductivity (µS/cm) (mg/l CaCO ₃ eqv) | Phosphate (mg/l) (mg/l CaCO ₃ eqv) | Nitrate (mg/l) (mg/l CaCO ₃ eqv) | | |
| <div><div>Key</div><div><div>Greater than the recommended level</div><div>Satisfactory</div></div></div> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water Quality</div> <div>Water 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Analysis / Conclusions / News:-

Phosphate Unacceptably high since October 2021 peaking at 1.34 mg/l, typical Environmental Agency pre pollution recordings averaging 0.1 mg/l at Jubilee Bridge, the trend remaining alarmingly high.
Electrical Conduct. Measurements are generally slightly below or higher than the conductivity threshold (>1000 uS/cm) indicating the continuous presence of dissolved solids, the metric appears very consistent.
Nitrate All measurements taken so far have been safely below the threshold of 40 ppm, ideal for fish to thrive.

- Conclusions**
- There were no fish caught in matches during the period of November/ December 2021 and again November/ December 2022. In each case the fish returned for the start of the season in June. Strangely, during these periods there appears to be no significant change in any of the metrics.
 - Clearly there has been no improvement in water quality since measurements began in November 2021.
 - The Angling Trust WQMN summary (17/2022) indicated that Electrical Conductivity and Phosphate levels measured at Fladbury were the highest their data base had recorded.
 - Confirmation by the Angling Trust of the GirlingAS process proves that the water quality at Fladbury is of a very real concern and when making reference to these results you can be assured of their accuracy.
 - Severn Trent have concluded that the problem is "a catchment issue", there is poor water quality as far upstream as Stratford upon Avon.
 - After completion of the treatment plant at Wood Norton Hall Severn trent found similar levels of Phosphate and Ammonia above and below the outfall.

News The Angling Trust have confirmed the Society's process by obtaining similar results and completed a full laboratory test on the water quality at Fladbury which raised no further concerns

Email from Glyn Marshall 24/11/22 after consulting with an Environmental Scientist at the Rivers Trust

"In regards to your E.coli count (158MPN/100ml) that is a good and safe level and what I would expect to find in a normal healthy river, you will never get a zero count in natural rivers for E.coli because you have inputs from avian and mammalian wildlife and I would say a typical level for background bacteria is anywhere between 150-500 MPN(cfu)/100 ml if you start to record levels above 500 then I would start to be concerned and look for other inputs such as agricultural and of course human derived sewage inputs. I have been heavily involved in a number of Bathing water projects across the UK including the Oxford application that was successfully awarded earlier this year."

E.Coli