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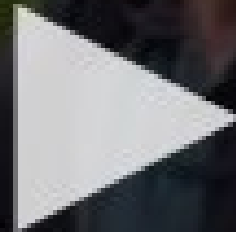
**Pan political.  
End untreated sewage.  
Improve effluent standards.  
Make rivers safe for all.**

**HOW?**

**Investigation.  
Communication and Education.  
Engagement.  
+ The Law.  
LOCAL AND NATIONAL.**

# Countryfile's Tom Heap investigates pollution of Britain's rivers

BBC

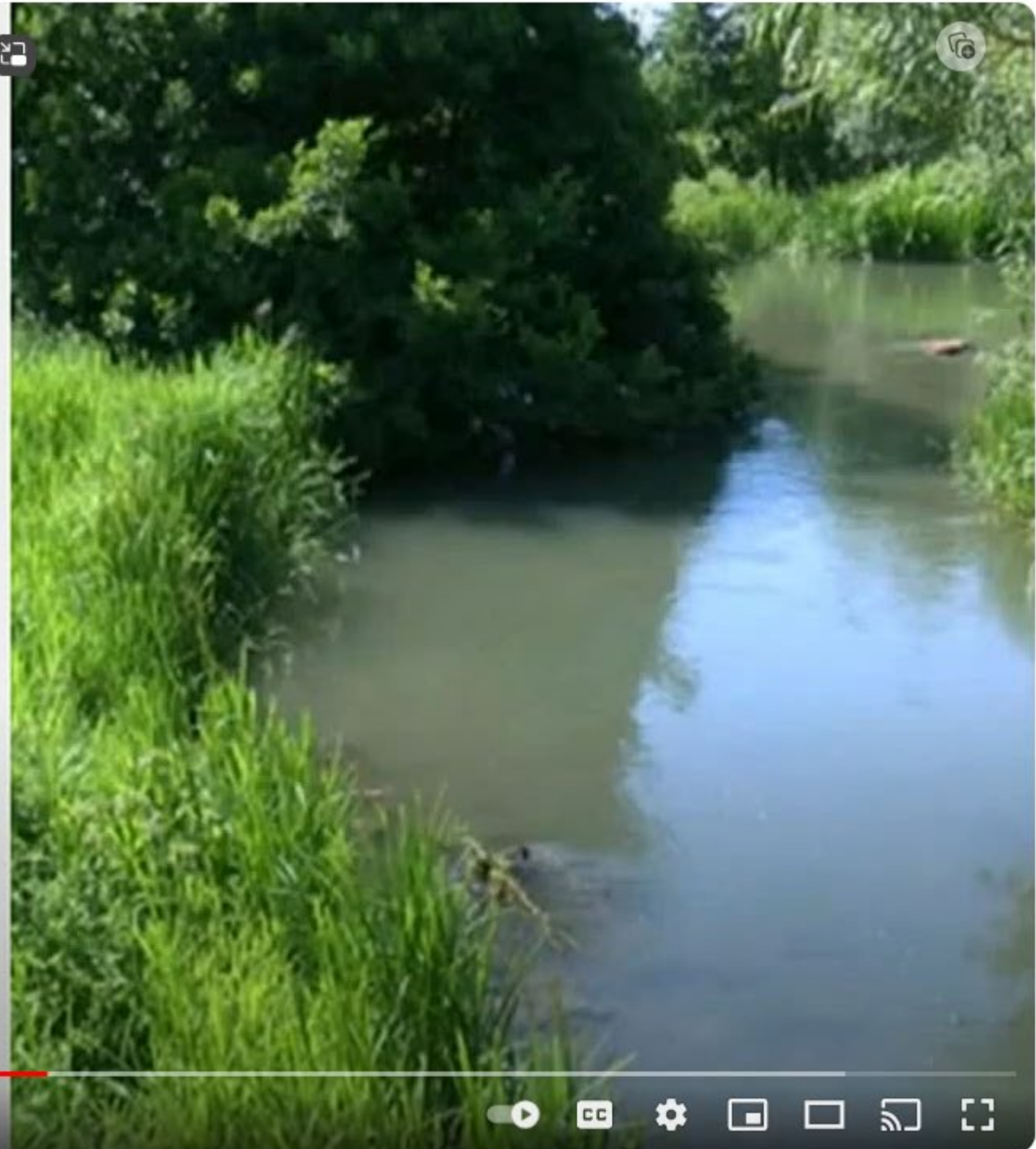


22 October 2018 – WODC Water Day - included WASP after BBC Countryfile.

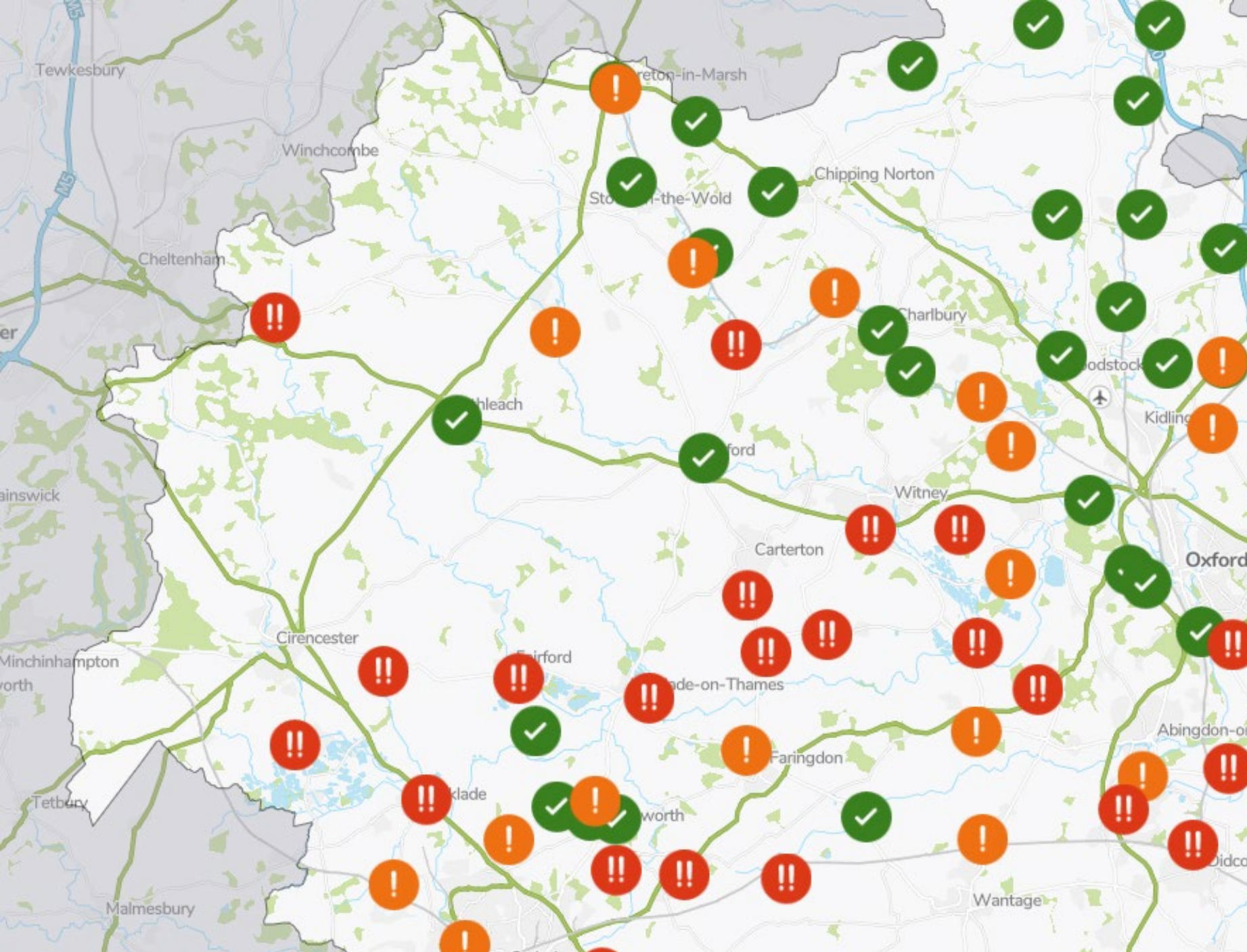
## Statement

“Discharge into the River Windrush comes from many sources and there is no clear evidence that any deterioration in the quality of the water is as a result of our sewage works.”

Source: Thames Water







Hours spilled  
since Jan 2023

Witney > 731

Standlake > 593

Ampney St  
Peter > 951

Fairford > 930

South Leigh >  
598

Clanfield > 552

ALL SPILLING 22/11/23  
AFTER NO RAIN FOR 48  
HOURS.

ALL OPERATING **ILLEGALLY**  
WHERE IS THE SHERIFF TO  
CLEAN UP THE MESS?

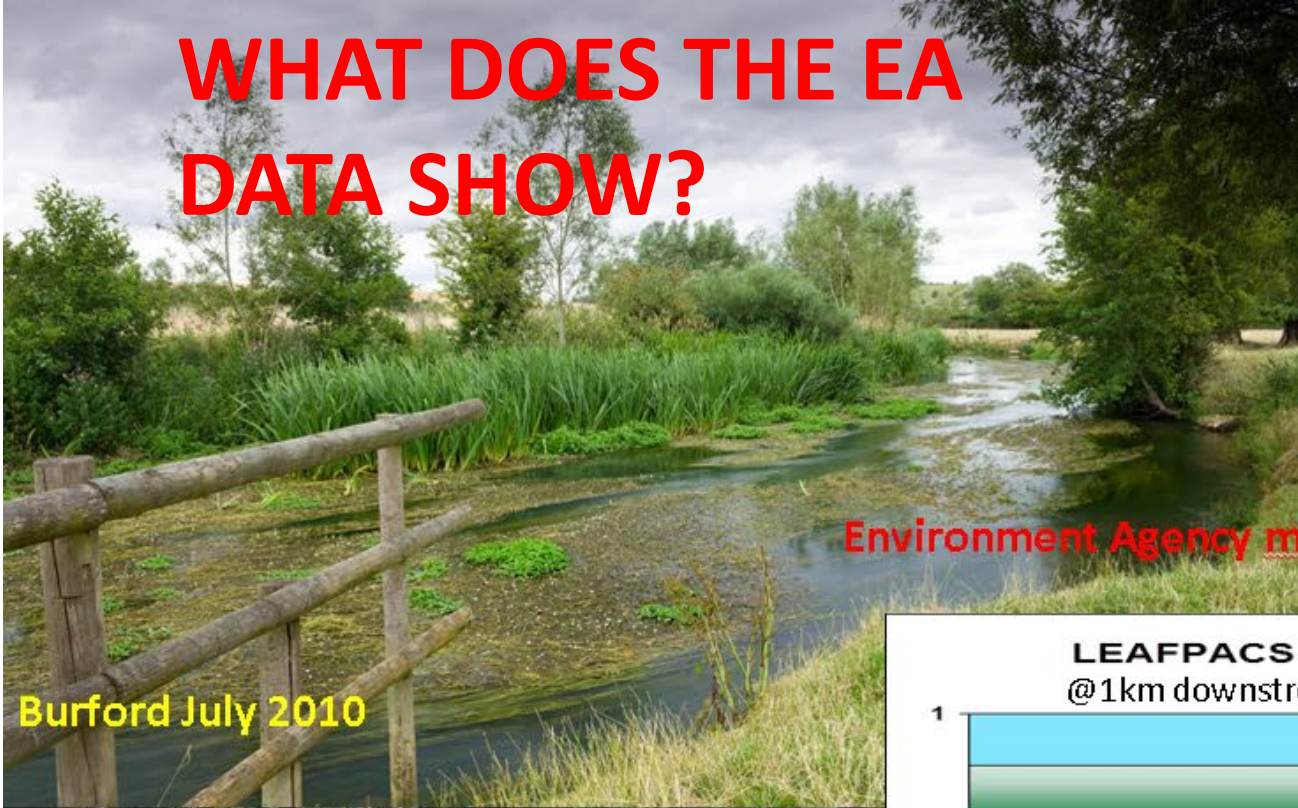


Shill Brook - limestone stream above Carterton sewage works.  
March 2021





# WHAT DOES THE EA DATA SHOW?

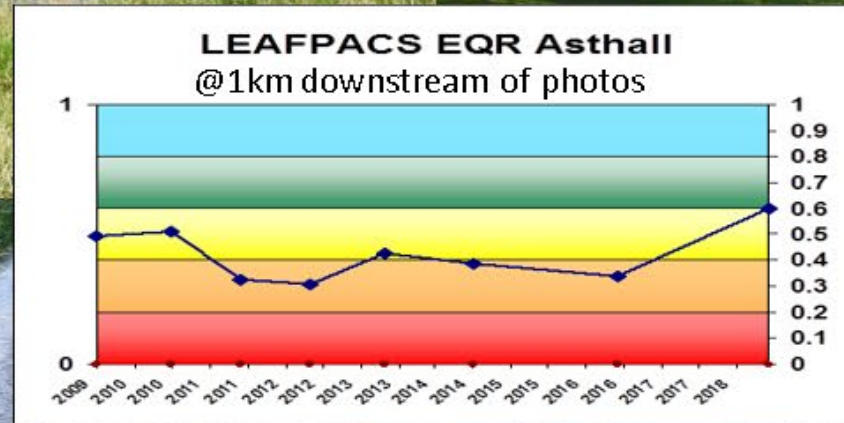


Burford July 2010



August 2020

Environment Agency macrophyte (plant) survey



Widford May 2009



July 2017

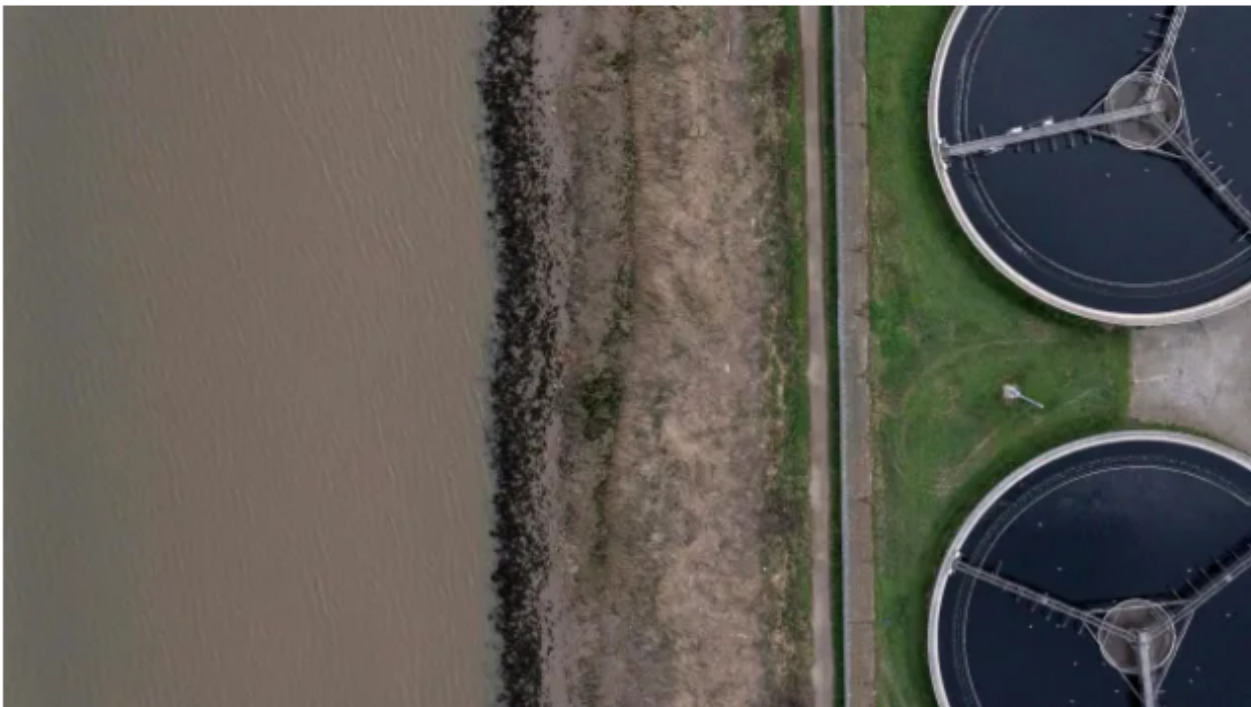
River Windrush



# Environment Agency admits it has no target for inspecting sewage works despite visiting just 6% in a year

SAVE BRITAIN'S RIVERS

The regulator already relies on water companies to self-report any illegal sewage spills, but in 2019 it dropped goals to scrutinise sites at least once every eight years



## EA annual Auditing of Operator Self Monitoring

Company	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total	% conducted
Anglian														11	85%
Northumbrian														9	69%
Severn Trent														12	92%
Southern														4	31%
South West														5	38%
Thames														10	77%
United Utilities														8	62%
Wessex														10	77%
Yorkshire														6	46%
Annual total	6	8	6	9	6	6	5	6	5	5	4	4	5	75	
% per year	67%	88%	67%	100%	67%	67%	56%	67%	56%	56%	44%	44%	56%	64%	

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Environment Agency failing to monitor water firms in England, data suggests

Exclusive: Watchdog is supposed to audit firms yearly to ensure they are not illegally dumping sewage, but 36% of audits since 2010 are missing

Sandra Laville

Environment correspondent

Wed 13 Sep 2023 15:00 CEST

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A photograph showing a river with a bridge in the background. A person is walking on a path that runs alongside the river. The water is calm, and there are some reeds or grasses in the foreground.

## Environment Agency investigation into sewage treatment works moves to next phase

[pressoffice](#), 23 June 2023 - [Environment Agency](#), [Water](#)



...you that the **investigation** is moving to its next phase which will include visits by EA investigators to sites where offending may have occurred. Since the **investigation** was launched, we...

18 months to decide to visit the crime scenes.

2 years to actually get to only some of them.

Opaque and no indication that Directors investigated.

No independent oversight.

# No Confidence.



**Steve Barclay****Sandra Laville**  
*Environment correspondent*

Tue 14 Nov 2023 16.21 CET



## Alarm raised over water firm job of new environment secretary's wife

Steve Barclay married to executive at Anglian Water, which is under investigation for potential illegal dumping of raw sewage

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So sorry, celebrities, but you should take a tip from Emily Blunt before you offer an insincere apology  
*Rebecca Shaw*



World Cup trophy left behind as South Africa rugby offices are burgled -

# 'We would love to do more but Ofwat won't let us'



Thames Water was funded for 812 'outputs' in 2020 – 2025 – Allowed £672M

108 'outputs' pushed back to 2025 – 2030 + **£1.134Bn extra required.**

What about the extra £2Bn 'investment' promised this year?

Purely to keep the company afloat and delivering returns?



## Where did the money come from?

## And where did it go?



# Oxfordshire charity angrily cuts ties with Thames Water

8th November

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By Miranda Norris  
Senior reporter

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A charity working to clean up the River Evenlode is set to sever ties with Thames Water accusing the firm of 'betrayal' and abandoning its commitment to improve its water quality.



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## Thames Water CEO meets WASP.

On Friday 9th July, a small team of WASP volunteers and supporters met new (ish) Thames Water Chief Executive, Sarah Bentley and...

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## Mythbuster 3 - Water companies don't pollute on purpose. Wrong!

Somehow, water company bosses and regulators have created the impression that pollution is all very regrettable and they wish it wouldn't happen.

WASP's analyst, Prof Peter Hammond's latest investigation ventured over the border into Wales, working with Afonydd Cymru (Welsh Rivers Trust) to show how Dwr Cymru (Welsh Water) was dumping sewage for very long periods for years.

He found that Cardigan was particularly bad, spilling for more than 200 days each year from 2019-2022.

"This is the worst sewage works I've come across in terms of illegal discharges," he said.

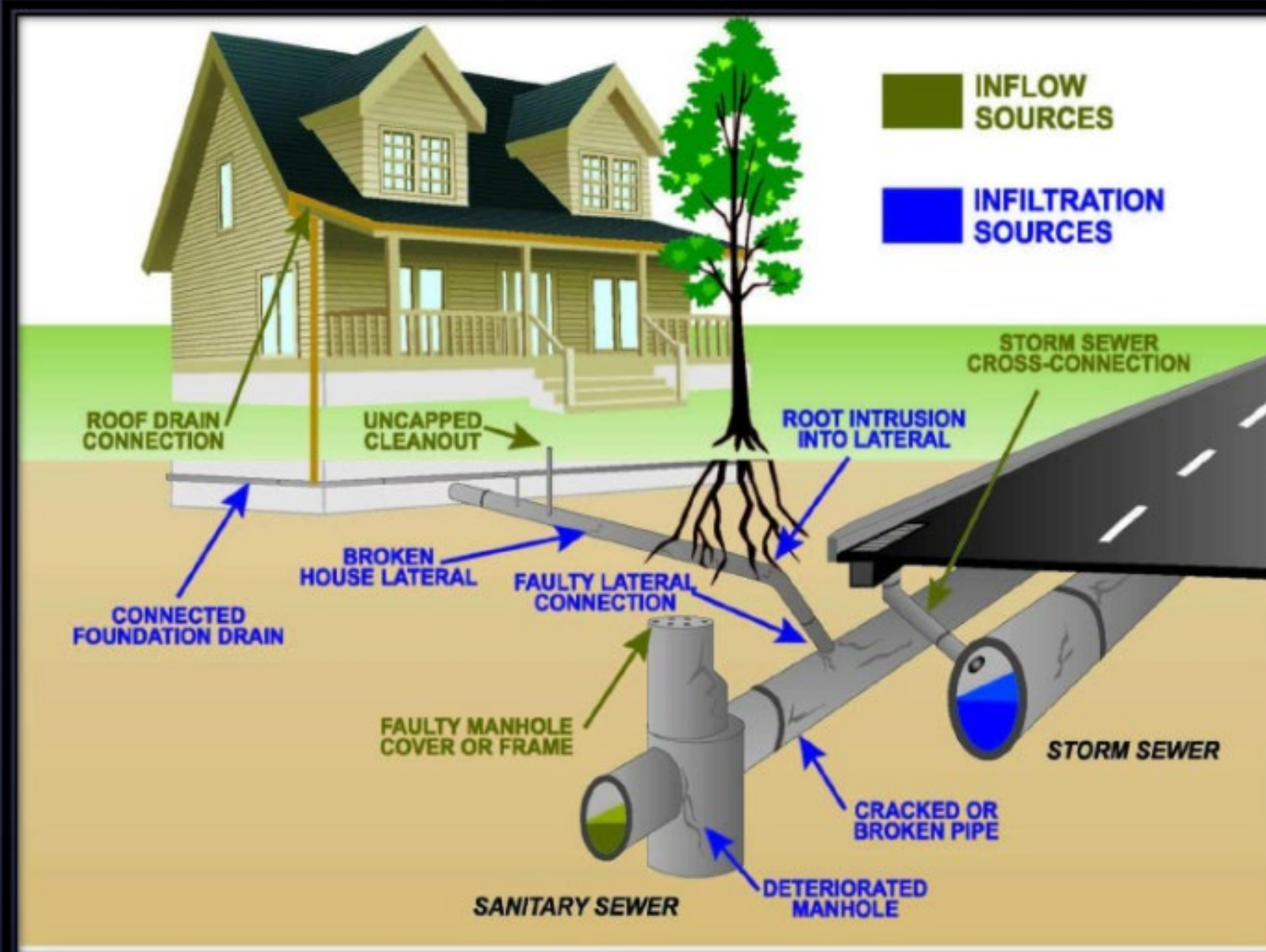


| Prof Peter Hammond used Welsh Water's own data to prove they were illegally spilling

When presented with the findings Welsh Water admitted it has between 40 and 50 wastewater treatment plants currently operating in breach of their permits. It said decisions on which plants to improve were taken with customer bills in mind, and that because there is "no measurable environmental impact" of the Cardigan estuary spills, these have been a low priority.



# Infiltration/Inflow (I/I)



Dumping  
untreated sewage  
due to  
groundwater  
infiltration is not a  
permitted activity.  
**It is illegal.**





Vaughan Lewis

