

# Dirty Water Flyers

## Water Pressure Flyer

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### The Importance of Water and the Threats

Water is the lifeblood of our planet. It sustains every form of life from the tiniest to the largest lifeforms, including humans.

We rely on water for drinking, growing food, producing energy, and maintaining nature. Without clean water, life as we know it would end.

Yet, human actions are still putting Earth's water at risk. Chemicals, plastics and waste are poisoning rivers, oceans. Our overuse and mismanagement of water are depleting nature's water stores and drying up rivers.

Our behaviour is disrupting rainfall patterns, causing drought in some areas and floods in others. These actions are not only harming wildlife and ecosystems but also threatening human survival.

## TACKLING THE WATER CRISIS

### A Call for Change

The water crisis is a complex problem that requires urgent action. However, the existing political set-up has failed to address it effectively. Short-term thinking, lack of cooperation, and the influence of powerful industries, block progress.

To tackle this crisis, we need a new approach. Let's harness the wisdom of the crowd in a Citizens' Assembly, where a diverse group of people gets together to learn about the issues, discuss solutions and make recommendations.

Unlike traditional politics, these assemblies focus on informed, respectful conversations and long-term thinking. By giving ordinary people a voice, we can create fair and sustainable solutions to protect water for future generations.

Join the movement. Build pressure. Together, we can restore clean water and planet.

## WATER PRESSURE

Find out about  
Citizens' Assemblies



More on the Water  
Pressure campaign



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## Community Assembly Flyer

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## With text or without text

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**WE DECIDE! COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY**  
Make local decisions together

**UPGRADE DEMOCRACY**  
Our current system is failing to take the actions we need. It's time to get together to ring the changes. Learn new ways to strengthen our community. Let's consider and resolve our issues.

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A community assembly involves local people listening, sharing experiences and learning. Then we fix local problems to bring about change.

**LET'S DECIDE TOGETHER ON OUR COMMUNITY ISSUES**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Everyone is welcome. A venue, food and refreshments provided. Let us know if you have any particular needs to pass on as soon as possible. Bring your ideas!  
Learn new ways of influencing local authority and politics. Community assemblies are happening around the country. This is an alternative to systems that no longer work for us. We can do it together!

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Scan the QR code to learn more about community assemblies.

Community Assemblies Sharing. Scan the QR code to join the Telegram chat.

Email: [assembliesescalation@gmail.com](mailto:assembliesescalation@gmail.com)

**THE OLD WAYS DON'T WORK! DISCOVER NEW WAYS TO UPGRADE OUR DEMOCRACY**

## Sun, Sea, Sand and Sewage Flyer

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# SUN SEA S & SEW

## Raw Sewage: Some Facts

In 2022, raw sewage was dumped into our waterways for a combined 1.75 million hours. An average of 825 times per day. Plus the sewer overflows that are not even monitored. This is not a crisis; it's a scandal.

Over an eleven-year period, UK water companies have paid out £16.8 billion in dividends to shareholders. Whilst some water companies do identify the position of sewer overflows along rivers and coastlines, little mention is made of what is actually being discharged. Raw sewage contains bacteria, antibiotics, pathogens, viruses and a whole host of other nasty stuff.

The recreational use of waterways by families, anglers, rowers, paddle-boarders, swimmers, dog-walkers and boaters means that a major public health threat is growing as a result of these raw sewage dumps. During times of poor water quality, entering the water can make you ill with eye, ear, skin, throat infections, gastro-enteritis, E.coli, hepatitis & more.

For more information on where and when raw sewage dumps have taken place, check the Outdoor Swimming Society and Surfers Against Sewage websites. You can also download the Safer Seas and Rivers Service app to check sewage dumping in real time (note: not all sewer overflows are monitored). The Rivers Trust Sewage Map is also useful.

**If raw sewage has recently been dumped - do not go into the water & do not let your pets go into the water.**

For health & safety advice & links to further resources & information, visit [www.dirtywatercampaign.co.uk](http://www.dirtywatercampaign.co.uk)

Contact your MP and let them know what you think about the sewage scandal. Find them here [www.writetothem.com](http://www.writetothem.com)

Email us at: [dirtywatercampaign@proton.me](mailto:dirtywatercampaign@proton.me)

Scan QR code to join the campaign against dirty water and sign up to our mailing list



## Pollution Hazard Flyer

If your local group would like this flyer personalising with information relevant to your local area or water company, please contact [@lucielc](https://twitter.com/lucielc) on Mattermost.

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**AVOID DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE WATER AND  
THINK BEFORE LETTING YOUR DOG SWIM OR DRINK**

**In 2022 Severn Trent Water spilt sewage more than 44 thousand times for a total of 249,116 hours.**

**And yet they continue to profit from this business model and pay dividends and bonuses to shareholders and executives.**

### **At the same time....**

- Only 14% of rivers in England are considered to be at Good Ecological Status.
- Superbugs - multiple antibiotic resistant bacteria - are breeding below the Finham treatment works.
- The government has put off the deadline to clean up all rivers to 2063. Previously it was 2027.
- Thousands of dead fish went belly up in the Avon near Barford recently.
- Severn Trent owes every household £50 for treatment services they didn't deliver.
- In 2022 Sewage spilled into the River Devon 31 times for a total of 38.59 hours.

### **OUR DEMANDS**

Clean Rivers Now!

Expand holding capacity at the treatment works so no overflows occur in extreme weather - just like the London Super Sewer.

Fix all leaks.

Kill the bugs: treat effluent with UV or oxygen.

**THIS RIVER CONTAINS RAW SEWAGE**

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## Public Warning Flyer

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## PUBLIC HEALTH WARNING: SEWAGE



**WARNING: Do not enter the water if you have pets to enter the water if there has been a sewage dump in the area.**



**Avoid sewage outlets. Avoid algae. Cover cuts & grazes. Wear wetsuit plugs. Remove contact lenses.**



**Shower immediately. Wash hands. Remove wet sand. Dry Out ears. Clean cuts & grazes. Wash wetsuits & swimwear.**



**If unwell with diarrhoea or any other symptoms, seek medical help and know you have been open water swimming.**



**Do not swim again until you have diarrhoeal symptoms for at least 48 hours or for a longer if advised by a doctor.**



**Wash & dry pets thoroughly after they have been in the water. Dry out inside ears with cotton balls.**

More information at [dirtywatercampaign.co.uk](https://dirtywatercampaign.co.uk)

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