


Dirty Water Flyers

Water Pressure Flyer

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STOP POISONING OUR WATER

Fixing current water mismanagement and restoring health to our waterways is crucial for all.

Water is life and our future depends on it. Together we can build and keep up the pressure for change. Dirty Water is launching a new campaign ~ **Water Pressure** ~ bringing us together to find the long-term solutions we need.

Water pollution, the destruction of nature, usage restrictions and toxic leaks are the legacies of neglect, complacency, short-term decision-making and profiteering.

The degradation of this vital natural resource is enough to make people take action, to demand change to a broken system.

WE DEMAND A CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY ON WATER

We all want to safeguard our environment and our future. Finding solutions to these complex challenges needs us to come together.




Citizens' Assemblies are made up of people from all communities who, given expert support, decide on what is in our common interest now and for the future.

This is deliberative democracy in action.

Our ecology and water infrastructures are under pressure and breaking down. Let's address the whole picture together immediately. Let's not leave it to politicians and corporate lobbyists. Let's build pressure for a Citizens' Assembly on Water, the only way to hear people's voices, find solutions and fix this problem.

GET YOUR FEET WET ... JOIN THE WATER PRESSURE CAMPAIGN

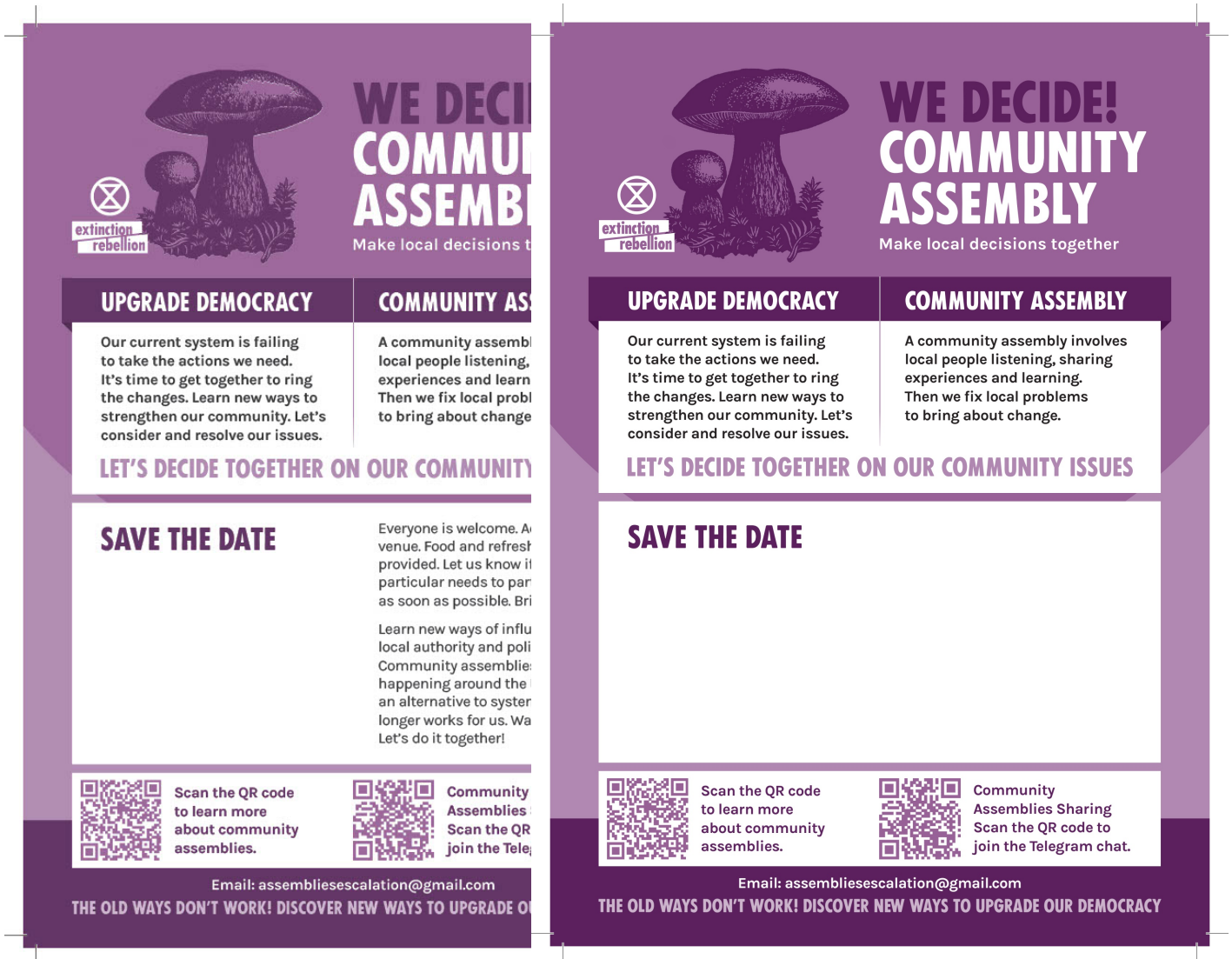
Together we can start the ripples.
Let's create a huge wave of pressure to clean up our waters.

Find out more about Citizens' Assemblies	Join Dirty Water's mailing list	Support the Water Pressure campaign
		

Community Assembly Flyer

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Sun, Sea, Sand and Sewage Flyer

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SUN SEA & 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

Contact your MP and let them know what you think about the sewage scandal. Find them here www.writetothem.com

Email us at: dirtywatercampaign@proton.me

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



WISH YOU WEREN'T HERE

Pollution Hazard Flyer

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POLLUTION HAZARD

**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

Public Warning Flyer

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PUBLIC HEALTH WARNING: SEWAGE



WARNING: Do not enter the water or allow 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 let them know you have been open water swimming.



Do not swim again until you have been free of 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 insides of ears with cotton balls.

More information at dirtywatercampaign.co.uk

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