

# RIVER TEST FINAL WEED CUTTING DATES 2019



| <b>SECTOR A and BOURNE</b>                                      | <b>Cutting Dates</b>    | <b>Clearing Off Dates</b> |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>River Test from Source to the A34 bridge near Whitchurch</i> | Sun 9 Jun – Tue 18 Jun  | Wed 19 Jun – Thu 20 Jun   |
|   | Sun 14 Jul – Sat 20 Jul | Sun 21 Jul – Mon 22 Jul   |
|   | Sun 18 Aug – Sat 24 Aug | Sun 25 Aug – Mon 26 Aug   |

| <b>SECTOR B1</b>   | <b>Cutting Dates</b>    | <b>Clearing Off Dates</b> |
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| <i>River Test from A34 bridge near Whitchurch to top of Middleton Estate at Longparish</i> | Mon 10 Jun – Wed 19 Jun | Thu 20 Jun – Fri 21 Jun   |
|  | Mon 15 Jul – Sun 21 Jul | Mon 22 Jul – Tue 23 Jul   |
|  | Mon 19 Aug – Sun 25 Aug | Mon 26 Aug – Tue 27 Aug   |

| <b>ANTON<br/>PILLHILL and<br/>DEVER</b> | <b>Cutting Dates</b>    | <b>Clearing Off Dates</b> |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|
|   | Mon 10 Jun – Wed 19 Jun | Thu 20 Jun – Fri 21 Jun   |
|   | Mon 15 Jul – Sun 21 Jul | Mon 22 Jul – Tue 23 Jul   |
|   | Mon 19 Aug – Sun 25 Aug | Mon 26 Aug – Tue 27 Aug   |

| <b>SECTOR B2</b>   | <b>Cutting Dates</b>    | <b>Clearing Off Dates</b> |
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| <i>River Test from top of Middleton Estate at Longparish to top of Wherwell Priory (B3420)</i> | Tue 11 Jun – Thu 20 Jun | Fri 21 Jun – Sat 22 Jun   |
|  | Tue 16 Jul – Mon 22 Jul | Tue 23 Jul – Wed 24 Jul   |
|  | Tue 20 Aug – Mon 26 Aug | Tue 27 Aug – Wed 28 Aug   |

| <b>SECTOR C</b>   | <b>Cutting Dates</b>     | <b>Clearing Off Dates</b> |
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| <i>River Test from top of Wherwell Priory (B3420) to the boundary of Leckford Estate/Houghton Club at Longstock</i> | Wed 12 Jun – Fri 21 Jun  | Sat 22 Jun – Sun 23 Jun   |
|   | Wed 17 July – Tue 23 Jul | Wed 24 Jul – Thu 25 Jul   |
|   | Wed 21 Aug – Tue 27 Aug  | Wed 28 Aug – Thu 29 Aug   |

| <b>SECTOR D</b>  | <b>Cutting Dates</b>     | <b>Clearing Off Dates</b> |
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| <i>River Test from boundary of Leckford Estate/Houghton Club to the road between Horsebridge &amp; Bossington Mill</i> | Thu 13 Jun – Sat 22 Jun  | Sun 23 Jun – Mon 24 Jun   |
|  | Thu 18 July – Wed 24 Jul | Thu 25 Jul – Fri 26 Jul   |
|  | Thu 22 Aug – Wed 28 Aug  | Thu 29 Aug – Fri 30 Aug   |

| <b>SECTOR E and WALLOP BROOK</b>  | <b>Cutting Dates</b>    | <b>Clearing Off Dates</b> |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>River Test from the road between Horsebridge and Bossington Mill to the weed boom at Greatbridge</i> | Thu 13 Jun – Sun 23 Jun | Mon 24 Jun – Tue 25 Jun   |
|   | Thu 18 Jul – Thu 25 Jul | Fri 26 Jul – Sat 27 Jul   |
|   | Thu 22 Aug – Thu 29 Aug | Fri 30 Aug – Sat 31 Aug   |

| <b>RIVER DUN</b>  | <b>Cutting Dates</b>    | <b>Clearing Off Dates</b> |
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| <i>River Dun from the source to the confluence with River Test at Kimbridge</i> | Thu 13 Jun – Fri 21 Jun | Sat 22 Jun – Sun 23 Jun   |
|   | Thu 18 Jul – Tue 23 Jul | Wed 24 Jul – Thu 25 Jul   |
|   | Thu 22 Aug – Tue 27 Aug | Wed 28 Aug – Thu 29 Aug   |

| <b>SECTOR F</b>  | <b>Cutting Dates</b>    | <b>Clearing Off Dates</b> |
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| <i>River Test from the weed boom at Greatbridge to the sea</i> | Thu 13 Jun – Sun 23 Jun | Mon 24 Jun – Tue 25 Jun   |
|  | Thu 18 Jul – Thu 25 Jul | Fri 26 Jul – Sat 27 Jul   |
|  | Thu 22 Aug – Thu 29 Aug | Fri 30 Aug – Sat 31 Aug   |

## WINTER OPEN PERIOD

Weed may be cut any time after 14 October 2018 until 26 April 2019. 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 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 **Volunteer 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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prefix 0800 number with a \*)