

Environment and Nature Update for EMPC meeting 28th May 2025

River Meon Monitoring Initiative

East Meon Nature Group was contacted by SDNP requesting them to monitor a new site, just downstream of the EM Sewage Works. Two surveys have been conducted on both the upstream and downstream sites in the last with very satisfactory results. They have also been asked to increase monitoring to around eight surveys per year on in the High Street. Two positive surveys have been carried out this year so far.

SDNP also asked that they monitor the winterbourne that flows out of the 'toad pond' and into the River Meon, using a simple app called 'Crowd Water' to do this. It mainly requires a picture being taken once a month, and the state of flow being recorded.

Toads on the Roads

Thanks are again due to the intrepid patrollers, who were out in all weathers. It was a somewhat abnormal season with a late start followed by three large spikes of migration interspersed with cold and frosty weather.

649 toads and 487 newts were helped across the road!

Tree Working Group (TWiG)

The recently planted hedges on the Village Green and the Rec Ground are in good condition and growing well. They are probably strong enough to withstand the competition with the nettles and grass without much maintenance now. 12 disease resistant elms have been requested for planting on Halnacker Lane.

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