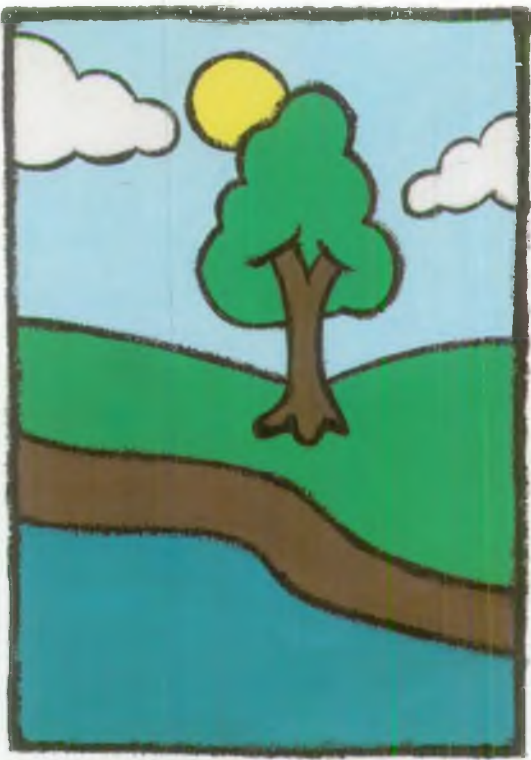


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The Environment Agency is a major and powerful new force with the task of safeguarding and improving the land, air and water environment in an integrated way. The Agency - which began operations on April 1, 1996 - brought together the National Rivers Authority, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution, the Waste Regulation Authorities and several smaller units from the Department of the Environment.

The Agency's South West Region, with a population of four million people, covers Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Somerset, Bristol, South Gloucestershire and most of Wiltshire.

Its main functions include pollution prevention and control, waste regulation, flood defence, water resources, fisheries, recreation and conservation.



north wessex area



The Somerset Levels and Moors.

To ensure close contact is kept with local communities the South West Region is split into four areas - each with its own Area Manager and staff. Teams work on the ground using local knowledge and contacts to maximum effect.

The four areas are Cornwall (based at Bodmin), Devon (Exeter), North Wessex (Bridgwater) and South Wessex (Blandford).

This leaflet outlines the work of the North Wessex Area.

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Water Quality Manager



- Ian Legge

Responsible for:

- Pollution prevention;
- Response to water pollution incidents;
- Chemical and biological monitoring;
- Water quality investigations;
- Enforcement of consents to discharge.

Fisheries, Recreation and Conservation Manager



- Roger Merry

Responsible for:

- Anti-poaching activities and licence enforcement;
- Surveys of fish stocks and fish rescues;
- Habitat improvements;
- Fisheries management advice;
- Conservation advice and promotion for all Agency activities;
- Management of Agency-owned fisheries;
- Promotion of recreation.

Integrated Pollution Control Manager (IPC)



- Steve Chandler

Responsible for:

- Authorisation of major industrial processes;
- Monitoring and enforcement of authorisations;
- Regulation of radioactive materials and waste;
- Authorisation of radioactive waste disposal sites;
- Approval of discharges of prescribed substances to sewers.

Area IPC and some Area Waste staff are based at a sub-office in Bristol.

Water Resources Manager



- Andy Gardiner

Responsible for:

- Measurement of rainfall, river flows and groundwater levels;
- Enforcement of abstraction licences;
- Resource planning;
- Operational management of water resources;
- Enforcement of volumetric aspects of discharge consents.

Customer Services Centre Manager - Robin Callender



Responsible for:

- Customer service;
- Local Environment Agency Plans;
- Consenting of discharges;
- Licensing of abstractions;
- Liaison with planning authorities;
- Public Register.

Flood Defence Manager

- Ken Tatem



Responsible for:

- Maintenance and operation of river and sea flood defences, including water level control;
- Emergency response to flood events;
- Consents for works affecting watercourses;
- Control of development in flood risk areas.

Waste Manager

- Rob Turvey



Responsible for:

- Licensing and authorising safe storage, transport, treatment, recycling and disposal of wastes;
- Enforcement of licences and relevant authorisation;
- Monitoring of waste management facilities;
- Registration of waste exemptions, waste carriers and brokers;
- Promotion of waste minimisation/recycling initiatives and provision of advice;
- Control of movement and disposal of special wastes;
- Control of transfrontier shipment of waste;
- Data gathering for waste management planning.

Business Services Manager

The post of Area Business Services Manager is currently vacant. Their responsibilities are: Managing business services and site facilities for the Area; Co-ordination of health and safety.



Area Manager - Chris Birks

Heads the North Wessex team responsible for the whole range of activities under Environment Agency control.

"North Wessex is an Area of sharp contrasts. Covering all the ancient county of Somerset, plus South Gloucestershire and North and West Wiltshire, it includes the major cities of Bristol and Bath together with several other large towns. The Somerset Levels and Moors are an internationally important wetland and the moorlands of Exmoor form a National Park.

"The coastline, formed by the Severn Estuary - where the tidal range is the second highest in the world - supports a thriving tourist industry. Resorts include Weston-super-Mare and Minehead, and the estuary also has a major port at Portbury and Avonmouth.

"The important industrial complex at Avonmouth lies on the estuary, as do the nuclear power stations at Hinkley Point, Oldbury and Berkeley. Inland, many of the towns have important local industries, and agriculture and horticulture are crucial to the economy of the Area.

"This diversity represents a major challenge for the Area. It is our job not only to ensure that the environment is not adversely affected by the pressure imposed on it, but to secure improvement. This challenge can only be met by working together with local people, industry, agriculture, local authorities and environmental bodies. "By achieving a lasting difference across air, land and water, together we will safeguard the environment for the future."

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 GENERAL ENQUIRY LINE**

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The 24-hour emergency hotline
 number for reporting all environmental
 incidents relating to air, land and water.

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