

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2024/jan/30/english-rivers-pollution-sewage-agriculture-uk>

<https://anglingtrust.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/WQMN-Annual-Report-2023.pdf>

The Stray Ferret also reported on the findings from February 2nd Environment News in and around the Harrogate district - [The Stray Ferret](#)

The Angling Trust have published a report of the first year of monthly pollution monitoring in England's rivers, which was reported in an article in The Guardian

Nidd Flyfishing clubs played a major part in this nationwide survey, with 20 flyfishers from four clubs on the Nidd collecting 165 water samples from 13 locations over 2023.

One of the case studies in the Angling Trust's report provided details of this work on the Nidd.

Flyfishers have shown that phosphate concentrations are above recommended levels for a good ecology, particularly below a number of the wastewater treatment works (WwTWs) on the Nidd. Very high phosphate concentrations were found below Pateley bridge and Darley WwTWs and at one site in the Nidd Gorge.

Nidd Action Group have shown the same for both phosphate and E. coli concentrations in their two major surveys in 2023, not just in the main river but also in the becks in Harrogate and Knaresborough.

Yorkshire Water has proposed in its AMP8 plans to reduce phosphate levels from discharges from its major assets, with current ongoing work at Killinghall WwTW.

NAG intends to scrutinise the delivery of those improvements and the actual results of their actions over the next several years.

With the established high pollution levels in the urban becks NAG wishes to work with EA and YW to establish and eliminate the sources of this entirely unnecessary pollution .