

DITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Incorporating the Hamlet of Capton and the Manors of Bozomzeal and Coombe

Item 9.7 Friends of the Dart River Hub launched

Friends of the Dart have launched their Dart River Hub. It is an attempt to bring together information in the public domain or as a result of freedom of information requests (Fol). Feedback very welcome.

<https://riverhub.friendsofthedart.org/>

Both the Mill Creek and FBI pumping stations show releases when the Ditsum STW was operating below capacity indicating an upstream fault. For 2026, so far (29/09/2026), STW had 29 spills lasting 152 hours in total, all in wet weather. Mill Creek had 1 (illegal) dry spill, 12 spills counted by the EA, and 5 spills when STW wasn't spilling. FBI had 44 EA counted spills and 51 spills when STW was not discharging. Many of SWW's assets perform far worse.

Interestingly their figures show that our sewage treatment works (STW) is operating at 82% capacity, computed as catering for 388 people at 66 cubic meters per day. So in principle it has spare capacity for about 80 people. However, the actual capacity of the STW may not match the licensed capacity. FotD have a Fol request asking this Q. Also does 388 people match the actual occupancy in Ditsum who are connected to the mains sewer, especially in summer months?

The hub is being made available to other river groups (eg Friends of the Teign).