



CULM COMMUNITY **CRAYFISH** P R O J E C T



Blackdown Hills
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



LOTTERY FUNDED



Culm Community Crayfish Project

Aims & Objectives

- 1. Survey upper River Culm and tributaries:**
 - Establish range/population of invasive signal and native white-clawed crayfish.
 - Train volunteers
- 2. Schools education programme**
- 3. Community engagement events**
- 4. Small scale habitat improvement work**

Volunteers

- **48** volunteers trained in March & April
- **43** crayfish survey days carried out between April and end of October
- **226** volunteer days in total worth £33,000 in in-kind match funding
- Age range: **5 – 75+**

Volunteers



Blackdown Hills
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



LOTTERY FUNDED



School education programme

- Engaged over 1700 children and 45 teachers
- Involved 8 schools and a home education group
 - School assemblies
 - Interactive classroom workshops
 - Hands-on outdoor learning sessions at Coldharbour Mill on the River Culm.
- Supported by volunteers

School education programme



Blackdown Hills
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



heritage
lottery fund

LOTTERY FUNDED



Community Engagement

- 11 community events delivered covering crayfish, river ecology and heritage themes attended by over 500 people
- Attended Devon County Show, Honiton Show and other local events
- Talks to community and special interest groups
- Raised awareness of the plight of our white-clawed crayfish, river ecology and the importance of biosecurity
- New riverside interpretation board, decorative bench and bridge rails being installed January 2019

Community Engagement



Habitat Improvement Work



- Bank stabilisation/habitat creation and tree planting at Culmstock



CULM COMMUNITY CRAYFISH P R O J E C T



Blackdown Hills
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



LOTTERY FUNDED

