

# The White River Project: Community Consultation

## What is the White River Project?

Following feedback from local residents, wildlife groups and other interested parties about potential improvements to the St Austell River (locally known as the White River, River Vinnick or Gover Gwynn in Cornish), in 2021 The White River project was created and adopted by Cornwall South Community Area Partnership (Kemeneth Kernow Soth).

In 2024, Pentewan Valley Parish Council agreed to be the commissioning body for a grant application to Cornwall Council's Community Capacity Fund and the project aims expanded. The project area has now been increased to include the whole catchment of the St Austell River, from source to sea, including the Gover Stream, Polgooth Stream and all the minor tributaries, as shown on the map below and aims now to include many areas such as promoting wildlife, heritage, healthy living and economic activity alongside addressing pollution.

We are now seeking further input from you, the local community, to understand what your priorities for the river area are and how this project can help to make the St Austell River area a better place to be.

**Are you a local business owner within the catchment who thinks improvements to the river could help your business?**

**Are you a local resident who enjoys spending time outside in the river catchment and finds it beneficial for your wellbeing?**

**Do you or someone you know find the river valley difficult to access and have ideas about how it could be improved?**

**Do you have a keen interest in wildlife and would love to see new habitats along the river with the potential for species reintroductions such as beavers or water voles?**

**Are you a local landowner or farmer who would like help to diversify habitats or explore opportunities on your land within the river catchment?**

**Are you a keen cyclist who would like to see more of the river catchment become part of the existing local trails?**

**Are you a young person who lives in the catchment area who would like to see more things for you along the river?**

**Have you recently visited the river and spotted something that looks like it could do with being improved?**

**We want to hear from you!  
Follow the QR code or url below to access our online survey and let us know your views and experiences.  
Thank You!**

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