

Get Involved!

- Tell us your stories and share images* of drought and water-use by:
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<http://dryproject.co.uk/our-uk-river-catchments/bevills-learn/>
 - Join in with discussions online via our forum: <http://dryproject.co.uk/forums/>
 - Tweet your images and memories of past and current droughts, and local water-use on the Bevills Leam: @Project_DRY
 - Contact us if you would like to join our workshops to share your viewpoints about drought and water-use in the Bevills Leam area
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 - Take part in our questionnaire about domestic water-use:
<http://dryproject.co.uk/about-the-project/community-water-survey/>
- This project runs up to the end of 2017.

*All materials will be returned.
If possible, please send copies of images and original materials.

The images in this leaflet are photographs taken by Antonia Liguori.

In this catchment our activity involves project team members from:



We are working closely with these external organisations to incorporate their expertise:



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Drought Risk and You: Bevills Leam





Drought in the UK - collecting your stories and experiences to inform future policy

Drought Risk and You

Droughts and water shortage affect us all through impacts on the environment, agriculture, infrastructure, society and culture.

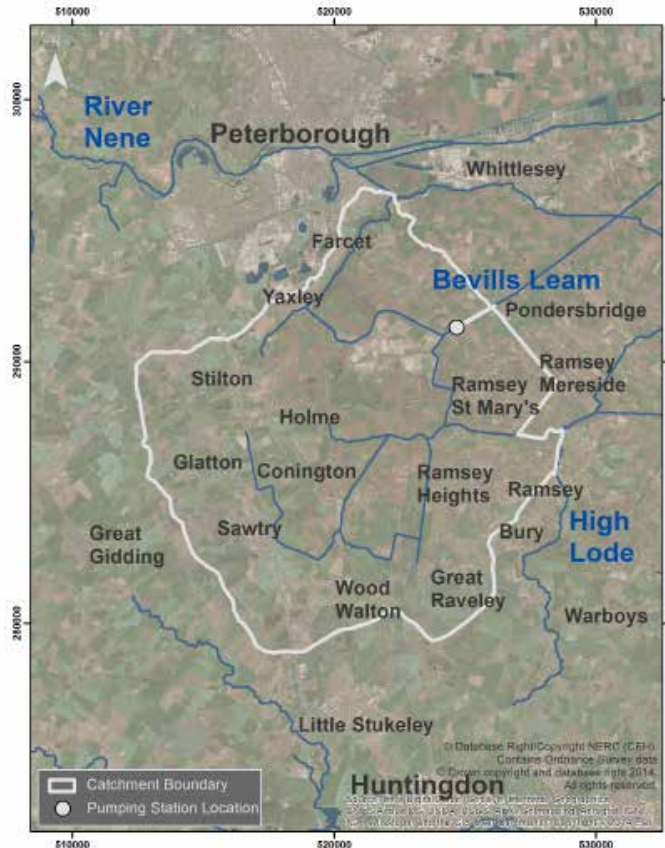
The **DRY Project** is looking at the impact of drought on seven river catchments in England, Wales and Scotland.

The project will encourage knowledge exchange among communities in the catchment and drought scientists. In a series of workshops, we will record the views of local people as they tell us their stories of drought and water-use.

We are working closely with local and external organisations in the Bevills Leam river basin (more information on the back page of this flier) to design the research and incorporate their expertise.

Did you know...?

- A drought is a natural event usually resulting from prolonged shortage of rainfall.
- Droughts differ in their severity and impacts due to duration, physical geography and human uses of land and water.
- The most memorable drought in the UK was in 1976; a result of a dry winter followed by one of the hottest and driest summers on record.
- Drought can sometimes increase the risk of subsequent flooding, such as when heavy rainfall occurs after a drought has killed vegetation or very dry soil is unable to soak up rainfall.



Why the Bevills Leam?

- There is a long history of highly managed land drainage, balancing flood control, water storage for irrigation and boating navigation needs.
- The area is a key producer of vegetables in the UK.
- This area has some of the lowest rainfall in the UK, at around 600 mm per year. This is similar to annual rainfall in Turkey.
- The area is home to the internationally important Woodwalton Fen and Holme Fen nature reserves and the Great Fen wetland restoration project.

"Human beings are storytelling animals and by introducing storytelling into discussions about drought and water-use, we bring fresh, previously unheard voices into the conversation"

Michael Wilson (Loughborough University)

Do you have any experiences of drought?

Have you thought about planning for water efficiency in future?

Do you think drought, flooding and climate change are related?

How do you conserve water in your home and garden?

Has water scarcity impacted your business?

We want to hear from you!