

We need your help!

- ✧ Tell us your stories and share images* of drought and water-use by:
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- ✧ 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 Fowey river: @Project_DRY
- ✧ Contact us if you would like to join our workshops to share your viewpoints about drought and water-use in the Fowey 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 photographs on the front of the leaflet were taken in Cornwall during the 1976 drought.
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In this catchment our activities involve project team members from:



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



Cornwall Catchment Partnership



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Drought Risk and You: River Fowey





Drought in the UK - we need 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.

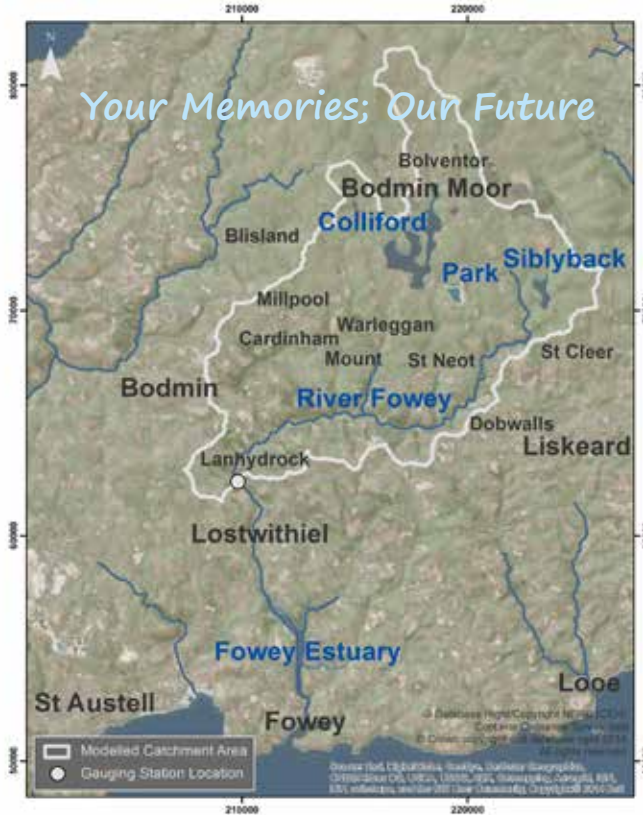
The DRY Project is looking at the impact of drought on seven river catchments in England, Wales and Scotland.

The project will exchange knowledge 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 organisations 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 River Fowey?

- The River Fowey is one of the largest river catchments in Cornwall.
- The catchment has three important reservoirs – Colliford, Park and Siblyback. These supply water to a large proportion of the population of Cornwall.
- The area has a complex water system and has to supply up to 50% more water during the tourist season, which makes it an important catchment to study water-use and water scarcity.

“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)

