

# RIVER RANGERS

Protecting our regions rivers and helping them to thrive

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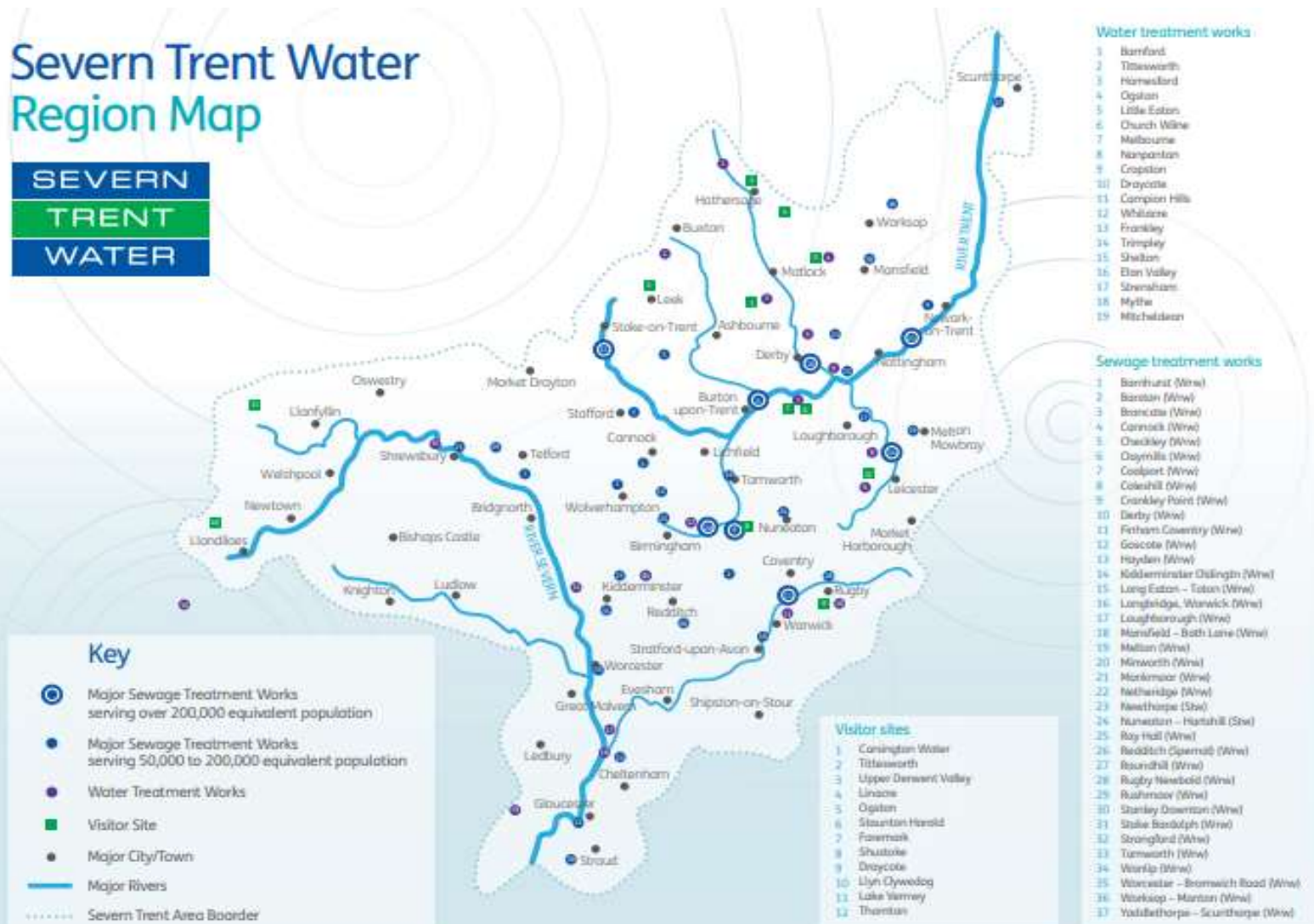
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# Taking care of one of life's essentials

## Severn Trent Water Region Map

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- We provide c.8m people across our region with water and wastewater services. Employ over 7,000 people and are supported by an extensive supply chain of around 2,800 direct suppliers.
- We maintain over 49,000km of clean water and 92,000km of sewer pipes.
- **Awarded the top 4\* rating by the Environment Agency for our environmental performance.**
- Launched our new river pledges – Get River Positive
- £1.5bn on environmental initiatives including our Great Big Nature Boost. This plans to restore peatland, revive 12,000 acres of land, plant 1.3m trees, and restore 2,000km of rivers by 2030.
- Triple Carbon Pledge 2030: 100% Electric Fleet, 100% Renewable Energy, Net Zero Carbon Emissions.

# OUR RIVER PLEDGES



Let's be clear; Get River Positive is not an ambition or an aspiration. It is a firm commitment from Severn Trent and Anglian Water to take action now. From July 2022, Hafren Dyfrdwy has also signed up to Get River Positive.



## CORE PLEDGES:

### OUR RIVER PLEDGES

Improving the health of our regions' rivers is a team game. We believe that water companies need to show more leadership. We need to listen, be transparent and set out a credible way forward. And that is why we are committing to Get River Positive: our five step plan to the healthiest rivers in the UK.

Get River Positive is underpinned by five key pledges that pave the way for the restoration and revitalisation of our regions' rivers.



Ensure storm overflows and sewage treatment works do not harm rivers



Create more opportunities for everyone to enjoy our region's rivers



Support others to improve and care for rivers



Enhance our rivers and create new habitats so wildlife can thrive



Be open and transparent about our performance and our plans

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love every drop  
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# PLEDGE ONE



## PLEDGE ONE

Ensure storm overflows and sewage treatment works do not harm rivers

- Based on Environment Agency measures (RNAGS), our operations will not be the reason for unhealthy rivers by 2030.
- We will reduce spills from storm overflows to an average of 20 per year by 2025.
- Using better data we will find and fix problems quicker than ever before at no extra cost to customers.



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- Special Area of Conservation
- Working with EA, NE and Shropshire County Council
- Preserve the habitat of a freshwater pearl mussel population
- 75% reduction in phosphates after upgrading our treatment works

# PLEDGE TWO

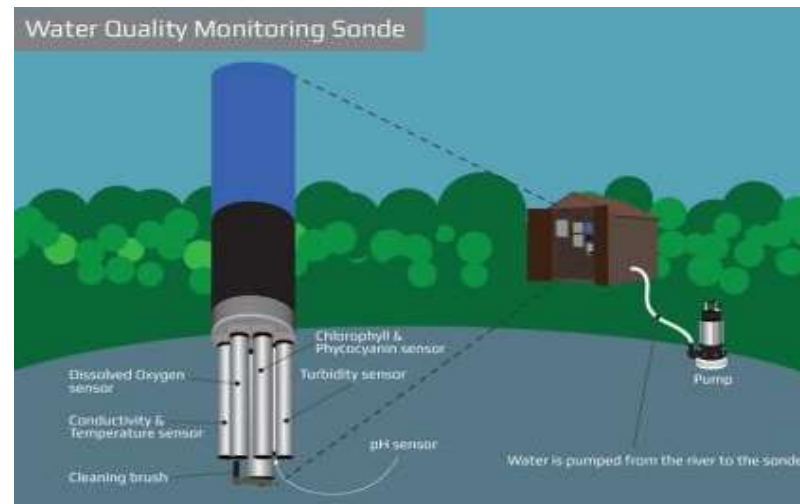


- We recognise the wellbeing benefits our blue-green spaces provide, we will therefore ensure that 90 percent of people in our regions live within an hour's drive of a bathing site.
- We're improving water quality along more than 50km of river in Warwickshire and Shropshire. Helping move two stretches (on the rivers Leam and the Teme) towards bathing quality by 2025.



## PLEDGE TWO

Create more opportunities for everyone to enjoy our regions' rivers



# PLEDGE THREE



- Work with farmers to protect water quality.
- Campaign for the removal of the automatic right to connect for new development.
- Educate our customers on the 3 P's and FOG
- Use our Get River Positive Community Fund



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# PLEDGE FOUR



- Protect and enhance habitats for native species of wildlife, such as great crested newts, beavers, otters and cuckoos.
- River Rangers work with the Severn Rivers Trust and Shropshire Wildlife Trust to care for rivers and address issues across our region
- All employees get 2 days a year where we can volunteer to work in our local communities
- Tree planting across our region



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# PLEDGE FIVE



## PLEDGE FIVE

Open and transparent about our performance and our plans

- Work with NGOs to ensure we provide the river quality information people want and need to see.
- We have 100% monitor coverage at our treatment works and on our storm overflows.
- We publish this data on our website.
- We do community roadshows and offer tours of our treatment works.
- We are monitoring wider river quality and will share the results on our website.







# RIVER RANGER DATA COLLECTIONS



Number of visits

**5,063**

CSO Overflows

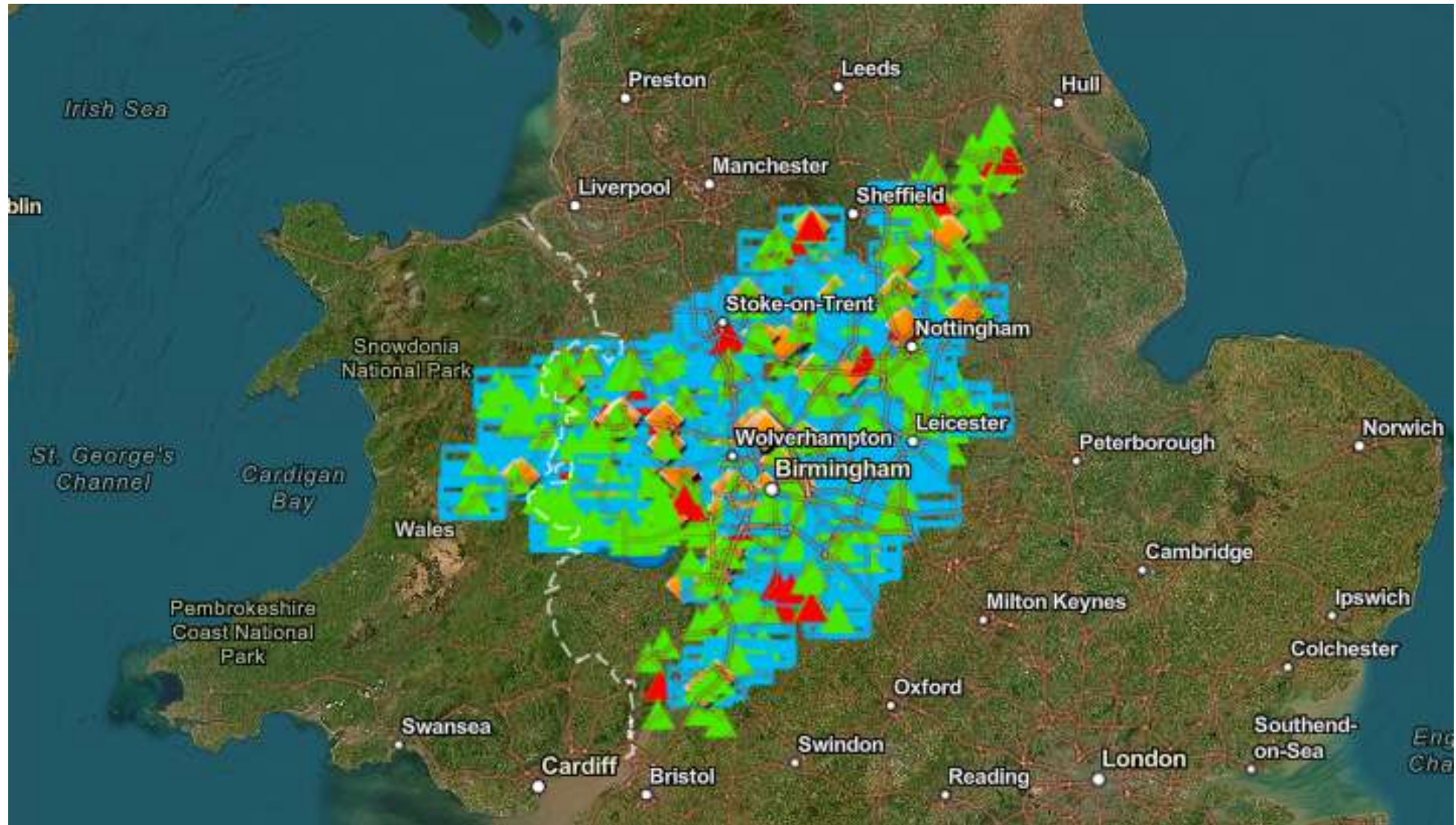
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Number of customers engaged with

**533**

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# WHO DO WE WORK WITH

Met with over 100 stakeholder / customer groups, Friends of Groups etc, and also featured on the BBC News!





**THANK YOU**



**Any Questions?**