

FINAL RIVER ITCHEN WEED CUTTING DATES 2016

SECTOR A: ABOVE DURNGATE SLUICE (WINCHESTER)

<i>Sector A Cutting Dates</i>	<i>Sector A Clearing Off Dates</i>
Monday 2 nd May – Friday 6 th May (midnight)	Saturday 7 th May
Sunday 5 th June – Sunday 12 th June (midnight)	Monday 13 th June – Tuesday 14 th June
Monday 4 th July – Sunday 10 th July (midnight)	Monday 11 th July – Tuesday 12 th July
Saturday 13 th Aug – Saturday 20 th Aug (midnight)	Sunday 21 st August – Monday 22 nd August

SECTOR B: BELOW DURNGATE SLUICE (WINCHESTER)

<i>Sector B Cutting Dates</i>	<i>Sector B Clearing Off Dates</i>
Tuesday 3 rd May – Saturday 7 th May (midnight)	Sunday 8 th May
Monday 6 th June – Monday 13 th June (midnight)	Tuesday 14 th June – Wednesday 15 th June
Tuesday 5 th July – Monday 11 th July (midnight)	Tuesday 12 th July – Wednesday 13 th July
Sunday 14 th Aug – Sunday 21 st August (midnight)	Monday 22 nd – Tuesday 23 rd Aug

WINTER OPEN PERIOD

Weed may be cut any time after 2nd October 2015 until 15th April 2016. However owners are asked to ensure that cutting is completed before trout spawning begins and that cut bank side vegetation is not allowed to fall in the river.

Please read the important notes overleaf

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Cutting must start at the beginning of the dates allowed.**
You must please inform your downstream neighbour when you have finished clearing off and of any subsequent problems. Regular communication with your neighbours upstream and downstream is essential to ensure trouble-free weed cutting and clearing down.
Weed cutting boats should finish one day before the end of each cutting period
- The Environment Agency, has granted consent for the general cutting of weed on the river Itchen, and approved the dates overleaf.**
In the event of low river flows (and high water temperatures) the Environment Agency may request that weed cuts are postponed or reduced in extent in order to maintain water levels and quality.
Cutting of weed outside of the authorised dates, without the Agency's consent, constitutes an offence under Section 90 of the Water Resources Act 1991
- Grass cuttings and bank trimmings must NEVER be put into the river.**
Depositing any form of solid waste in the river, including bankside vegetation, is strictly prohibited under Sections 85 and 90 of the Water Resources Act 1991
- Riparian owners are asked to carry out all dredging, bank maintenance and other works likely to cause displacement of silt, before Christmas, to avoid damage to spawning. The advice of the Agency should be sought before the commencement of any work and the necessary land drainage consents obtained.**

By Order of the Board of the Association.

Clay Brendish
Chairman

CONTACT POINTS IN CASE OF DIFFICULTIES

Test & Itchen Association	Environment Manager Solent	Environment Agency
Kimbridge Lane	Environment Agency Romsey Depot	Emergency Hot Line
Kimbridge	Canal Walk	0800 80 70 60 (24hrs)
Romsey	Romsey	(Mobile Phone Users must
Hampshire SO51 0LE	Hampshire SO21 1WP	prefix 0800 number with a *)
Tel: 01794 341874	Tel. 03708 506506	

The Association's **Voluntary River Wardens** may also be contacted during the cut and clear-down on the following mobile numbers. Please do not bother them at other times.

Col Ron Dadswell	07940 405684
Lt Col Nigel de Foubert	07796 622208