

Test & Itchen River Restoration Strategy - Appendix B Progress Report

River (& local name)	Reach Code	SSSI Units	Management Option
Test (Polhampton)	T001	84	Conserve & Enhance

Restoration Potential- Issues to address in Appendix B of the strategy:

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This is a winterbourne section of the Test. The upstream limit of the reach is the source of the river with no little flow. A lake has been constructed that cuts into the bedrock below the channel bed. Riparian margins in the Ash House are pasture with margins recently planted with alder. There is little or no flood plain as hill slopes come down to the edge of the channel. The channel itself is a typical shape of a winterbourne and includes some coarser materials. In the non-grazed (fenced sections) the channel has marginal vegetation with trees and a less distinct channel. Downstream of the fence line the channel is heavily grazed. Flow currently starts at Polhampton with the junction of a secondary source.

Restoration actions in Appendix B of the Strategy:

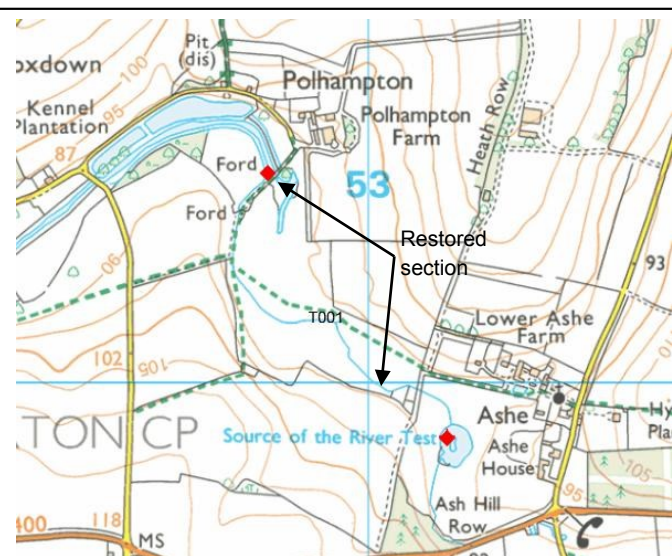
Conserve this reach.

Restoration actions carried out: 2014

Restoration has taken place for approx 50m at the bottom end of this reach by an external contractor, Robert Bull in 2013 and continues downstream into T002. It was funded independently by the landowner. The work included, opening up of the approx 2m wide channel, clearance of the channel, pollarding of bankside trees and inclusion of woody debris to create sinuosity. Future management will be low key to create a very lightly fished wild fishery.

Map:

Photograph after (date)



Restoration actions carried out (continued):

Actions not carried out and justification:

Future work and recommendations:

It is recommended that the channel is maintained in a low key way with little 'management'.