

## THE ENVIRONMENT 4. The River Severn

### THE PRESENT SITUATION

The River Severn and its valley are the major features of the Parish, and have significance far beyond the bounds of the Parish. The River is relatively fast flowing and turbulent, and is only used by canoeists and, on occasions, for raft races. Apart from a short section near to the footbridge on either side of the River, the banks are “untamed”. The River and the banks support a wide variety of wildlife.

HISTORICALLY, THE River actually formed an important highway, with cargo boats travelling through the area. The riverside paths were used for towing.

The River is one of the main attractions, drawing visitors from a wide area. They come to the village by car, cycle, train and on foot. Fishing rights on both sides of the River are let to Angling Clubs, or are owned by, or let to frontagers.

#### ***Issues***

- Severn Navigation Trust
- Footbridge is not worthy of its prominent position
- Litter and offensive and dangerous articles on the river banks
- Keep the river banks as they are

| <u>Actions</u>  | <u>Stakeholders</u> | <u>Timescale</u> |
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| Provide more, and larger, litter bins on the riverside areas                  | PC, WFDC            | Short term       |
| Ensure that dangerous and offensive articles are cleared from riverside paths | PC, WFDC            | Ongoing          |
| Repaint footbridge consulting the Parish Council before commencing work       | WCC (Bridges)       | Ongoing          |
| Resist large-scale changes to the character of the river                      | PC                  | Ongoing          |
| Carry out repairs to embankment carrying car park approach road               | Arley Estate        | Short term       |

#### **Policy Statement**

The Parish Council will not support any proposals for further development of the riverbanks, apart from work to maintain embankments, etc.

The Parish Council will take action, with others, to reduce the amount of litter and dangerous and offensive items near to the riverbanks.