

Communication Working Group Update (2025-09-17)

Still waiting for the outcome of the co-option process to identify membership of the Communication Working Group. Once this has been done the following tasks need to be undertaken:

- Agree Terms of Reference
- Accept handover of the new website from Aubergine
- Document processes for updating the ORPC Website, including who should be able to make changes
- Document processes updating ORPC social media accounts, including who should be able to post updates to Facebook and Instagram
- Review policy for use of Parish Noticeboards. Currently it seems most boards have different instructions on what may be posted

In parallel with this, define and implement a strategy for the publication of information about the water testing carried out by Councillors Iain Campbell and Martin Jones. Appendix 1 includes a summary of the readings taken to date together with details of a post on the Morda Community Noticeboard on Facebook which provides an example of how the information could be presented, and of the resulting responses from residents.

Appendix 1: Parish Council Water Testing

Results of the Water Testing on the River Morda carried out since November 2023 are set out in the tables below. They clearly show that water quality along the whole of the course tested to date is way below the acceptable standard defined by the Environment Agency. Some sections are much worse than others.

Site 1: Candy Mill					Site 2: The Courtyard Wedding Venue					Site 3: Chain Lane				
Sample Date	Coliform	E.Coli	Enterococci / faecal streptococci	pH	Sample Date	Coliform	E.Coli	Enterococci / faecal streptococci	pH	Sample Date	Coliform	E.Coli	Enterococci / faecal streptococci	pH
2023-11-07	>100	>100	17	7.66	2023-11-07	>100	>100	19	7.57	2023-11-07	>100	>100	19	7.75
2024-01-11	>1,000	>1,000	13		2024-01-11	>1,000	>1,000	10		2024-01-11	>1,000	>1,000	160	
2024-02-13	340	340	400		2024-02-13	280	280	230		2024-02-13	9,600	9,600	>10000	
2024-03-19	170	140	41	7.85	2024-03-19	150	150	32	7.85	2024-03-19	37	37	6	7.48
2024-07-17	3,500	3,500	260	7.37	2024-07-17	4,300	4,300	310	7.28	2024-10-03				6.89
2024-08-24	1,100	1,100	240	7.57	2024-08-24	1,200	1,200	110	7.62	2024-10-25				7.62
2024-10-03				7.40	2024-10-03				7.37					
2024-10-25				7.55	2024-10-25				7.83					
2025-01-28	310	310	39	7.69	2025-01-28	430	430	4,700	7.69					
2025-08-12	3300	3300	250	7.75	2025-08-12	6900	6900	160	7.8					

Site 4: Croeswylan Lane					Site 5: Weston Lane					Site 6: Maesbury Road Sewage Works Outfall				
Sample Date	Coliform	E.Coli	Enterococci / faecal streptococci	pH	Sample Date	Coliform	E.Coli	Enterococci / faecal streptococci	pH	Sample Date	Coliform	E.Coli	Enterococci / faecal streptococci	pH
2023-11-07	>100	>100	38	7.49	2023-11-07	>100	>100	>100	7.27	2023-11-07	>100	>100	>100	7.32
2024-01-11	>1,000	>1,000	15		2024-01-11	0	0	3,700		2024-01-11	1,000	1,000	2,700	
2024-02-13	300	300	280		2024-02-13	9,400	9,400	430		2024-02-13	9,700	9,700	9,800	
2024-03-19	120	120	83	7.69	2024-03-19	>10,000	>10,000	260	7.96	2024-03-19	>10,000	>10,000	4,000	7.37
2024-10-03				7.30	2024-07-17	6,300	6,300	360	7.33	2024-07-17	>10,000	>10,000	870	7.37
					2024-08-24	3,300	3,300	360	7.79	2024-08-24	10,000	10,000	130	7.58
					2024-10-03				7.49	2024-10-03				7.24
					2024-10-25				7.90	2024-10-25				7.68
					2025-01-28	3,500	3,500	120	7.75	2025-01-28	>10,000	>10,000	10,000	7.52
					2025-08-12	>10,000	>10,000	240	7.57	2025-08-12	>10,000	>10,000	280	7.63

Site 7:					Site 8: Osbaston Bridge					Site 9: Perry and Ruyton				
Sample Date	Coliform	E.Coli	Enterococci / faecal streptococci	pH	Sample Date	Coliform	E.Coli	Enterococci / faecal streptococci	pH	Sample Date	Coliform	E.Coli	Enterococci / faecal streptococci	pH
2024-07-17	3,200	3,200	220	6.71	2024-07-17	>10,000	>10,000	410	7.44	2024-08-24	1,700	1,700	360	7.48
2024-08-24	3,200	3,200	220	6.71	2024-08-24	10,000	10,000	410	7.44					
					2025-01-28	5,000	5,000	520	7.75					

Site 10: Bromwich Park					Site 11: Ford at Coed y Rae					Site 12: Morda (Kingfisher Way)				
Sample Date	Coliform	E.Coli	Enterococci / faecal streptococci	pH	Sample Date	Coliform	E.Coli	Enterococci / faecal streptococci	pH	Sample Date	Coliform	E.Coli	Enterococci / faecal streptococci	pH
2024-08-24	10,000	10,000	210	7.51	2024-10-25				7.79	2025-08-12	2500	2500	230	7.25
					2025-01-28	>10,000	>10,000	710	7.79					

Site 13: Bridge 80				
Sample Date	Coliform	E.Coli	Enterococci / faecal streptococci	pH
2025-08-12	1800	1800	6	7.84

Post on Morda Community Noticeboard Facebook Group (2025-09-02)

On 12th August [Oswestry Rural Parish Council](#) tested the quality of the water in the River Morda where it runs along Kingfisher Way. The results are back, and they're not good. Using the [Environment Agency](#) Bathing Water Quality Scale, the river at this point is rated Poor and bathing is not advised.

While the water quality is not as bad as stretches of the river both upstream and downstream, care should be taken and the water should definitely not be drunk.

The figure for E.Coli above which water is classified as not advised for bathing is 900 units per 100 ml. The sample taken on 12th August was 2,500 units of E.Coli per 100 ml.

<https://www.gov.uk/gover.../organisations/environment-agency>



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Keith Lewis

back in the day it was known as Morda brook and we used to bathe and fish in it, loads of trout in it then,

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Ann Dyer

Oh goodness. I'll have to make sure my dogs don't drink from it anymore 🙄

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The water will continue to be tested and results posted here when received.

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