

Summary of the Bristol Avon Rivers Trust (BART) Funding Request for the River Marden Project

The Parish Council received a presentation from BART in February 2020 and received 2 documents regarding the project and its funding which have been circulated.

The following information has been received from Ian Mock at BART. Rob Hislop has had a meeting with Ian and is able to provide further information about what is proposed.

Detailed below are the proposed outputs which would be delivered by a £5000 river improvement project funded by the Parish Council.

- 1) Complete survey of River Marden and tributaries within the Parish.

Provide survey report and maps highlighting observed issues and opportunities.

Outline potential restoration projects to improve habitat and biodiversity and associated cost estimates.

- 2) Produce outline action plan for potential future partnership working identifying areas requiring more detailed investigation.

- 3) Begin a farmer/landowner engagement programme (which will be essential for ongoing improvements).

BART have secured some funding in addition to the above which will enable some education and engagement work which will add local interest and augment the above and contribute an additional £1500 to the project.

BART look forward to hearing whether they should proceed and will begin preparing maps in preparation.

Recommendation: That the Parish Council consider the request for funding for £5,000 for the BART project as set out in the report. The Council must also consider whether the funding should come from Sun Edision or Community Infrastructure Levy Reserves.