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Bringing together a number of environmental bodies, the Environment Agency took up its operational role as environmental guardian on 1 April, 1996.

The Agency's primary aim is to protect and improve the environment and make a contribution towards the delivery of sustainable development through the integrated management of air, land and water.

The South West Region of the Environment Agency, with a population of four million people, covers Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Somerset, Bristol, South Gloucestershire and most of Wiltshire.

It has specific responsibilities for water resources, pollution prevention and control, waste management, flood defence, fisheries, conservation and recreation.



## Flood Defence and Water Resources Manager - Gordon Trapmore



### Responsible for:

- Measurement of rainfall, river flows and groundwater levels;
- Maintenance of river and sea flood defences;
- Emergency response to flood events;
- Consents for works affecting watercourses;
- Control of development in flood risk areas;
- Determination and enforcement of abstraction licences;
- Water resource planning;
- Local operational management of water resources.

## Fisheries, Ecology and Recreation Manager - Martin Williams



### Responsible for:

- Biological monitoring;
- Anti-poaching activities;
- Licence enforcement;
- Regulation of fish introduction;
- Monitoring and surveys of fish stocks;
- Fish rescues;
- Habitat improvements;
- Furthering conservation in all Agency functions;
- Promotion of recreation;
- Sea fisheries in Cornish estuaries;
- Having regard to conserving archaeological and historic sites;
- Promoting conservation of flora and fauna in inland and coastal waters and associated land.

## Customer Services Manager - Mike Robins



### Responsible for:

- 'First Step Shop' for customers requiring information and advice;
- Access to the Agency's public register;
- Production of Local Environment Agency Plans (LEAPs);
- Liaison with local planning authorities, which includes:
  - communication with developers;
  - responding to planning applications;
  - contributing to the local unitary and structure plan process;
- Development of partnerships and communication with external groups;
- Registration of waste carriers and brokers;
- Promotion of Agency responsibilities and duties through education.



## CORNWALL AREA - KEY FACTS

Population	768,365
Area	4,552 km <sup>2</sup>
Rivers (monitored for quality)	1,809 km
Length of coastline	400 km
EC designated bathing waters	79
Water abstraction licences	Approx. 2,800
Discharge consents	Approx. 3,790
Sewage treatment works	Approx. 333
Major industrial processes	2
Premises authorised to dispose of radioactive waste	2
Nuclear sites	2
Registered waste carriers	Approx. 1,825
Waste management sites	173
Integrated pollution control authorisations	8
Authorisations under the Radioactive Substances Act 1993	10

## Environment Protection Manager

- **Brian Sinkins**



Responsible for:

- Response to water pollution incidents;
- Response to waste disposal incidents;
- Enforcement of authorisations;
- Site inspections;
- Implementation of pollution prevention and waste minimisation campaigns;
- Chemical monitoring;
- Environmental investigations.

## Business Services Manager

- **Jill Shrimpton**



Responsible for:

- Providing cost-effective business support to the operational functions;
- Strategic business development;
- Co-ordination of all financial and procurement services;
- Co-ordination of area personnel, including work experience placements and temporary staff placements;
- Co-ordination of health and safety;
- Environmental policy co-ordination and implementation;
- Managing site services and co-ordination of administration.

## Environment Planning Manager

- **Judy Proctor**



Responsible for:

- Consenting discharges to controlled waters;
- Issuing licences and registering exemptions for safe storage, treatment and disposal of wastes;
- Promotion of pollution prevention strategies and advice on waste minimisation;
- Provision of advice on contaminated land;
- Controlling the application of waste to agricultural land;
- Assessment and provision of information for waste management and water quality planning;
- Advice on the packaging regulations;
- Authorisation, monitoring and enforcement of major industrial processes;
- Regulation of radioactive materials and their disposal;
- Monitoring of special waste movements;
- Liaison with local authorities on air quality.



The Draynes Valley

To ensure close contact is kept with local communities the South West Region is split into four areas - each with its own Area Manager and staff. Teams work on the ground using local knowledge and contacts to maximum effect.

The four areas are Cornwall (based at Bodmin), Devon (Exminster), North Wessex (Bridgwater) and South Wessex (Blandford).

This leaflet outlines the work of the Cornwall Area.

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## Area Manager - Geoff Boyd

Heads the Cornwall team responsible for the whole range of activities under Environment Agency control.

"Cornwall and West Devon comprise some of England's most dramatic and beautiful countryside. From the wild beauty of Bodmin Moor to the spectacular coastline with its superb beaches, this high quality environment draws tourists from all over the world. With rivers such as the Tamar, Tavy, Lynher, Plym, Fowey and Camel, the area also has some of England's finest salmon fisheries, an increasing otter population and bird habitats of international importance.

'Residents also live with the legacy of mining activities. China clay extraction and deep mines for tin and other metals have caused significant impacts on the environment. Following the closure of the Wheal Jane mine, the Environment Agency has been investigating means for the long term treatment of mine effluent in a project that is of international interest.

'In 1991 the Rio Earth Summit coined the phrase 'Think Globally, Act Locally'. While the Agency has responsibilities in relation to global issues, in addition, we are also determined to act locally to improve the Area's environment. To this end, we need to hear the views of interested parties and have established an Area Environment Group with diverse representation including industry, agriculture, tourism, conservation and environmental pressure groups.

'As well as listening, we also want to work with the people we regulate. It is by working in partnerships that we can achieve most. However, we are also prepared to be a tough regulator and to take prosecutions where necessary.

'Together we can make a difference to the environment and both I and the Agency teams introduced in this leaflet are also keen to hear from you about the environmental issues affecting our area'.

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#### AREA OFFICE

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For general enquiries please call your local Environment Agency office. If you are unsure who to contact, or which is your local office, please call our general enquiry line.

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GENERAL ENQUIRY LINE

**0645 333 111**

The 24-hour emergency hotline number for reporting all environmental incidents relating to air, land and water.

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EMERGENCY HOTLINE

**0800 80 70 60**



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