



Chalk Streams First

- **For years, Water Companies abstracted so much water from fragile and rare chalk streams that most stopped flowing. An environmental disaster.**
- **GARD proposed that these abstractions should stop years ago. It's a great idea - the rivers flow, biodiversity is restored and much of the water ends up in the Thames anyway where it can be abstracted. We were ignored.**
- **After bad publicity and pressure from environmental groups the water companies have now embraced the idea as if it was their own!**
- **But the water companies say that they will need 300 million extra litres of water a day to make up the difference. The Chalk Streams First group say it is only 151 million litres per day. The difference? More than half an Abingdon reservoir.**