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A macroinvertebrate survey of the Releath stream and associated tributaries within the vicinity of Trevethan farm.

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INTRODUCTION

On 12/06/96, following a request from the water quality section, a macroinvertebrate survey of the Releath stream within the vicinity of Trevethan farm was performed. This was in response to a report from a member of the public who had observed sewage fungus in the Releath stream.

METHODOLOGY

For the location of the 5 macroinvertebrate sampling points refer to Map (1). The sampling methodology utilised in this survey is provided in Appendix (1).

RESULTS

Raw data obtained from each of the 5 sampling points is given in Appendix (11).

Table (1) provides a summary of the number of scoring taxa, BMWP scores and ASPT scores for each of the 5 sampling points.

Graph (1) indicates how the abundance of group (1) sensitive taxa and Nemourid stoneflies varied in relation to organic enrichment emanating from the Trevethan farm tributary.

Appendix (1V) provides historic data for sites 4 and site 5.

DISCUSSION

Refer to Appendix (111).



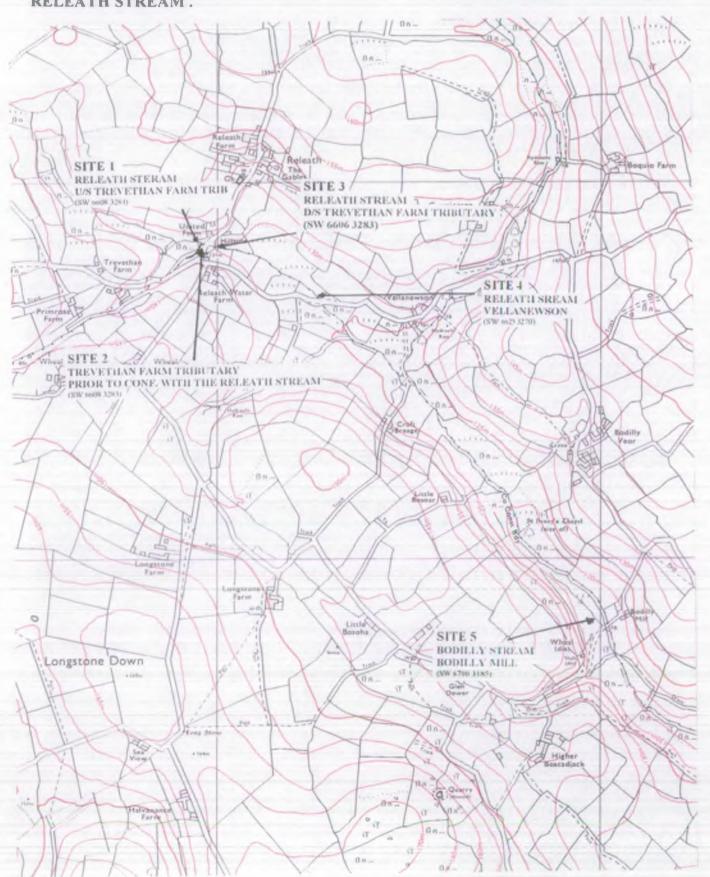
CONCLUSIONS

- 1) The macroinvertebrate survey performed on 12/06/96 found that the Trevethan farm tributary was severely contaminated with organic farm waste which had resulted in a severely impoverished macroinvertebrate community and 100 % sewage fungus cover.
- 2) The Releath stream upstream of the Trevethan farm tributary (Site 1) was found to contain a very diverse macroinvertebrate community that was consistent with a clean, headwater stream. Many taxa sensitive to organic pollution were abundant within the sample and sewage fungus was absent.
- 3) Site 3, situated on the Releath stream immediately downstream of the confluence with the Trevethan farm tributary, was found to contain a low diversity of macroinvertebrates and a high abundance of sewage fungus. This situation reflected the impact of the Trevethan farm tributary upon the Releath stream.
- 4) Site 4, Releath stream at Vellanewson and site 5, Bodilly Stream at Bodilly Mill both obtained BMWP and ASPT scores that were indicative of reasonable and good water quality respectively. Despite this however, the abundance of BMWP group (1) sensitive taxa and Nemourid stoneflies at both sites was found to be appreciably lower than that observed at Site 1. Sewage fungus was also evident at both sites which continued to affect the aesthetic nature of the watercourse.

REFERENCES

1) Hellawell (1986) Biological indicators of freshwater pollution Elsevier publishers Ltd

MAP SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE 5 SAMPLING POINTS ON THE RELEATH STREAM.



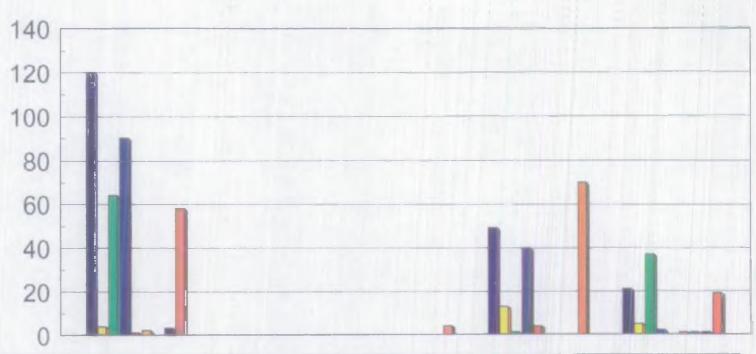
A TABLE SHOWING THE NO. OF TAXA, BMWP AND ASPT SCORES OBTAINED AT EACH OF THE 5 SITES.

,	RELEATH STREAM	TREVETHAN FARM TRIB	RELEATH STREAM	RELEATH SREAM	BODILLY STREAM
	U/S TREVETHAN FARM TRIB (SW 6608 3284)	U/S CONFLUENCE RELEATH STREAM (SW 6608 3284)	D/S TREVETHAN FARM TRIB (SW 6606 3283)	VELLANEWSON (SW 6606 3283)	BODILLY MILL (SW 6700 3185)
	SITE I	SITE 2	SITE 3	SITE 4	SITE 5
NUMBER OF TAXA	27	116	12 .	26	28
BMWP SCORE	176	49	59	152	185
ASPT SCORE	6.52	4.45	4.92	5.85	6.61

METHODOLOGY

At each of the 5 macroinvertebrate sampling points a 3 minute kick sample was performed using a standard pond net (1mm mesh) followed by a 1 minute habitat search. The sample was then preserved in 95 % IMS and 5 % Glycerol solution and returned to the laboratory for sieving, sorting and identification. Macroinvertebrates were identified to family level with the abundance of the most pollution sensitive BMWP (Biological Monitoring Working Party) group (1) taxa and Nemourid stoneflies counted. From the raw data obtained, a BMWP and ASPT (Average Score Per Taxon) score was calculated. The BMWP scoring system assigns a high score to pollution sensitive taxa (maximum of 10) and a low score (minimum of 1) to pollution tolerant taxa. The total score gives an indication of the overall status of the invertebrate community. The ASPT score provides additional information and aims to reduce sampling variation.

A GRAPH SHOWING THE NUMBERS OF GROUP (1) SENSITIVE TAXA AND NEMOURID STONEFLIES PRESENT AT EACH OF THE 5 SAMPLING POINTS



	SITE 1	SITE 2	SITE 3	SITE 4	SITE 5
LEUCTRIDAE	120	0	0	49	21
PERLODIDAE	4	0	0	13	5
CHLOROPERLIDAE	64	0	0	.1	37
NEMOURIDAE	90	0	0	40	2
BERAEIDAE	1	0	0	4	0
LEPTOCERIDAE	2	0	0	0	1
GOERIDAE	0	0	0	0	1
LEPIDOSTOMATIDAE	3	0	0	. 0	1
SERICOSTOMATIDAE	58	0	4	70	19



APPPENDIX (11)

RAW DATA OBTAINED FROM EACH OF THE 5 SAMPLING POINTS

MACROINVERTEBRATE SURVEY DATA - CORNWALL AREA BICKOY LAB SITE No. 1.

RIVER: RELEATH STREAM.

SITE: U/S CONF. FARM TRIB. NGR:
PURPOSE: POLLUTION INVESTIGATION LAB NO: AD. HOC.
IDENTIFIED: 5.T DATE: 12/06/96.
SAMPLING OFFICER: 5.7

COMMENTS:					1DERT I	N 1 P 1) *	3.1	
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Planariidae	7	1			Elmidae	E		
Dendrocoelidae	- 	' -	_	- 5	Chrysomelidae		- 	
Oligichaeta	7	1		1	Curclionidae			
Piscicolidae				4	Aphelocheiridae			
Glossiphoniidae			-		Mesovelidae		1	
Hirudidae				⊣ 3				
Erpobdellidae				⊣ ′	Hydrometridae		 -	
	(%)		-+-	. 6	Gerridae			
Astacidae					Nepidae			
Corophiidae		-1-		6	Naucoridae		- -	
Gammaridae					Notonectidae			
Asellidae				3	Pleidae			
Siphlonuridae				_	Corixidae			
Potamanthidae	_		_ _	→	Tipulidae	A		
Heptageniidae				10	Simuliidae	A		
Leptophlebiidae	. L	l_	*		Chironomidae	B		
Ephemerellidae					Neritidae			7
Ephemeridae			7		Viviparidae		-	1
Caenidae	1		1	7	Ancylidae	A		87
Baetidae	A		(2)		Unionidae	1	7	
Lestidae	1		1 , /		Sphaeriidae	A	1	1 -
Calopterygidae	\dashv	 		1	_ Valvatidae	 -''-	 	1
Gomphidae	\dashv				Hydrobiidae	A	1	
Cordulegasteridae	B			⊣ 6		- "		
Aeshnidae	 ^>			┥	Lymnaeidae			┥—
Corduliidae				┨	Physidae		+	1.0
Libellulidae	+			-	Planorbidae		-	
	+-			 	 			- -
Platycnemididae		⊣		- 6	Porifera		┦	↓
Coenagriidae	 	-		<u> </u>	Polyzoa		 	
Sialidae	↓	9-		4	Nematoda			
Taeniopterygidae	<u> </u>				Cladocera			<u> </u>
Leuctridae	<u> </u>		(120)	1	Copepoda		-	
Capniidae			1.5	10	Ostracoda	A		1.1
Perlodidae	A		(4)] "	Branchiura		÷	T
Perlidae		7	1]	Veliidae	A		
Chloroperlidae	В		(5%)	1	Psychodidae		<u> </u>	
Nemouridae	β	4	(90)	7	Ceratopogonidae.	A.		1
Phryganeidae	1		1		'Culicidae			
Molannidae	 	 	1	1	Syrphidae			
Beraeidae	A	1	(0)	Í	Muscidae	. 9		
Odontoceridae	1.77	 	1-1.7	}	Empididae	A		
Leptoceridae	A	1	(2)	10		- 7		-
Goeridae	-		1 (4)	10	Rhagionidae	_		-
Lepidostomatidae	<u> </u>		(2)		Dixidae	-	12.1	
Brachycentridae	A.	- 2	(3)		Tabanidae			
		├ ——	1		Ptychopteridae			
Sericostomatidae	B	 	(58)		Thaumaleidae	_		
Psychomidae	A.	 		. 6	Chaoboridae			-[
Philopotamidae	β.	ļ	↓	100	Stratiomyidae			
Rhyacophilidae	A				Hydrachnellidae			
Polycentropodidae	A	<u></u>	[ـــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــ	7	Halacaridae			
Limnephilidae	В				Dreissenidae	7 7		
Hydroptilidae]	6		7		2.4
Hydropsychidae	В					1 1		
Haliplidae	<u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>	-	 		No of Saning Paris	1 7		
Hygrobiidae	<u> </u>	ļ	 -		No of Scoring Families	27		
Dytiscidae			 	_	No of other Families	4		∤
Gyrinidae				5	No of taxa	31		
			\sqcup		ВММР	176		
Hydrophilidae	<u> </u>			ì	ASPT	6.25		
Scirtidae	A				Shannon	4		
Dryopidae					Mean Density			

COMBINED BMWP:

ASPT:

MACROINVERTEBRATE SURVEY DATA - CORNWALL AREA BIOLOGY LAB SITE No. 2.

RIVER: TREVETHAN STR.
DATE: 12/06/96.
SAMPLING OFFICER: S.T.

SITE: FARM DISCHARGE TRIB, NGR: PURPOSE: POLLUTION INVESTIGATION, LAB NO: AD HOC.

SORTED: 3-T IDENTIFIED . S.T.

COMMENTS:					112/5/(11)	(1 K.11 · 3	·· / .	
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Planariidae		(/-		1	Elmidae	-	- 1	- 3
Dendrocoelidae				- 5	Chrysomelidae			
Oligichaeta	T A		(5)	1	Curclionidae		+-	+
Piscicolidae			1	4	Aphelocheiridae			
Glossiphoniidae	C		(100)	 	Mesovelidae		-	
Hirudidae	- -	 	1,007	3	Hydrometridae			-
Erpobdellidae	1		- 	√ ′		 - -		
			- -	. 8	Gerridae			
Astacidae	-				Nepidae			 -
Corophiidae				6	Naucoridae		-	
Gammaridae	<u> </u>	_			Notonectidae			
Asellidae			┩——	3	Pleidae			
Siphlonuridae			ļ	1	Corixidae		ൎൎ഻	
Potamanthidae				i	Tipulidae	_ B		
Heptageniidae		**	_!	10	Simuliidae	A		
Leptophlebiidae		$\neg \neg \neg$	2-1	~	Chironomidae	C	1	(355
Ephemerellidae	1		1		Neritidae		1-	1,000
Ephemeridae	1	1		-	Viviparidae		-	
Caenidae				7	Ancylidae		+	
Baetidae	1-		-	4	Unionidae		+	
Lestidae	+	- 		_ 4		8	+	+
Calopterygidae			 		Sphaeriidae	- 1 8	 	+
			 		Valvatidae	- 1		
Gomphidae		┥		В	Hydrobiidae	L	1.	
Cordulegasteridae	A			-	Lymnaeidae	3.		
Aeshnidae	-		<u> </u>		<u>Physidae</u>		<u> </u>	
Corduliidae					Planorbidae		v	
Libellulidae			11			2		
Platycnemididae					Porifera			
Coenagriidae				6	Polyzoa		1	1
Sialidae	1			_	Nematoda		1	1
Taeniopterygidae	-			L	Cladocera	 -	1	+
Leuctridae	-				Copepoda	-+	-	
Capniidae	+	-					 	
Perlodidae	 	 		10	Ostracoda		 	
Perlidae	 	 			Branchiura	_	 	 -
					Veliidae	I A	<u> </u>	4
Chloroperlidae	ļ	-			Psychodidae	A		
Nemouridae		11		_7	Ceratopogonidae.	B	•	
Phryganeidae	<u> </u>	,,		-	'Culicidae			- 4
Molannidae		1	-		Syrphidae	A		
Beraeidae			Column Column		Muscidae			
Odontoceridae	1		\neg		Empididae			
Leptoceridae	1	1		10	Rhagionidae			
Goeridae	 				Dixidae	 		\vdash
Lepidostomatidae	 	-3					-9	
Brachycentridae	 				Tabanidae			├
Sericostomatidae	 	 			Ptychopteridae			
	-				Thaumaleidae	_		•
Psychomidae	40			6	Chaoboridae			
Philopotamidae				579	Stratiomyidae			- 6
Rhyacophilidae			4-1-1		Hydrachnellidae	A		
Polycentropodidae	$\overline{\theta}$			7	Halacaridae			
Limnephilidae	À			f	Dreissenidae	- 		
Hydroptilidae			- +	6			 	
Hydropsychidae		- 	 -			- - :		
Haliplidae		-			17			
MOTIFIERS				L	No of Scoring Families	11		
		- 1	- 1	[No of other Families	5		
Hygrobiidae								
Hygrobiidae Dytiscidae	A			5	No of taxa	16		
Hygrobiidae Dytiscidae Gyrinidae	A			5	No of taxa BMWP	16		
Hygrobiidae Dytiscidae Gyrinidae Hydrophilidae	A			5				
Hygrobiidae Dytiscidae Gyrinidae	A			5	ВМИР	49		

COMBINED BMWP:

ASPT:

MACROINVERTEBRATE SURVEY DATA - CORNWALL AREA BIOLOGY LAB

RIVER: RELEATH STREAM

DATE: 12/06/96 SAMPLING OFFICER: S.T. COMMENTS: SITE: b)s conf farm trib. NGR:
PURPOSE: POLLUTION INVESTIGATION LAB NO: AD HOC
IDENTIFIED: 5.7

COMMENTS:								•
[D]	1	2	3	-	4	_1	1.7	+ 3
Planariidae			,	5	Elmidae			-
Dendrocoelidae	- 1		(- 1	-	Chrysomelidae	— —		
Oligichaeta	A	-	(5)		Curclionidae			-
Piscicolidae			•	4	Aphelocheiridae	∤		
Glossiphoniidae	A		-	-	Mesovelidae			
Hirudidae				3	Hydrometridae	<u> </u>		
Erpobdellidae	3.1	ــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــ			Gerridae			1 55
Astacidae			.	. 8	Nepidae		 -	
Corophiidae				6	Naucoridae			
Gammaridae				1460	Notonectidae			
Asellidae	_			3	Pleidae		-	
Siphlonuridae			<u> </u>		Corixidae		1	
Potamanthidae			1		Tipulidae	B	7	J.
Heptageniidae		•		10	Simuliidae	A		
Leptophlebiidae				~	Chironomidae	8	7—	(75)
Ephemerellidae		7			Neritidae	1	1-	1
Ephemeridae		1			Viviparidae			
Caenidae	1	1		7	Ancylidae	A	 	
Baetidae	1	1	100	4	Unionidae	1	+	1
Lestidae		1			Sphaeriidae		+ -	+
Calopterygidae	1	11			Valvatidae	_	+	+
Gomphidae	\dashv	1 1	0.75		Hydrobiidae	A		1
Cordulegasteridae		† †		8	Lymnaeidae	- -	-	1
Aeshnidae		1 1	{		Physidae		┼──	
Corduliidae	1	 					┼	+ -
Libellulidae		1			Planorbidae	i	 	╀──┤
Platycnemididae	-	╂──┤			T D is is		-	╅──┤
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Coenagriidae Sialidae		┨			Polyzoa		 	1
				4	Nematoda		-	
Taeniopterygidae	-j	 -	Í		Cladocera			∔ —-i
Leuctridae	4	 			Copepoda			
Capniidae		!	0	10	Ostracoda		 	<u> </u>
Perlodidae					Branchiura			
Perlidae					Veliidae			
Chloroperlidae					Psychodidae	A		
Nemouridae				7	Ceratopogonidae.	- 4	•	
Phryganeidae					'Culicidae		1-4-1	
Molannidae					Syrphidae			
Beraeidae					Muscidae			
Odontoceridae					Empididae	A		
Leptoceridae				10	Rhagionidae			
Goeridae					Dixidae /			
Lepidostomatidae		100			Tabanidae /	* 1		
Brachycentridae					Ptychopteridae	 		
Sericostomatidae	A		(4)		Thaumaleidae			
Psychomidae	1		``		Chaoboridae	1		
Philopotamidae	1 :-	- -		8	Stratiomyidae	┥──┤		
Rhyacophilidae	1 -		47		Hydrachnellidae	┧		
Polycentropodidae	Α	_		7		╂┈╼┼		
Limnephilidae	A				Halacaridae	- 	—	
Hydroptilidae	п				Dreissenidae	┦══┼		
		 -		6				
Hydropsychidae						4		
Haliplidae		\Box]		No of Scoring Families	12		
Hygrobiidae				1	No of other Families	2		
Dytiscidae	A			5	No of taxa	14	[
Gyrinidae				Ī	BMWP	59		
Hydrophilidae	A			1	ASPT	4.92		
	A			I	ASPT Shannon	4.92		

COMBINED BMWP:

ASPT:

RIVER: KELLOSH STICKEN DATE: HARRIE 196

1 SITE IN: IT

SITE: William Co. NGR:
PURPOSE: Purpose of Emerging LAB NO: Rect 2000 SORTED: KIT IDENTIFIED: KIT

SAMPLING OFFICER: 57 COMMENTS Planariidae Elmidae Dendrocoelidae Chrysomelidae Oligichaeta P, (5) Curclionidae Piscicolidae Aphelocheiridae Glossiphoniidae Mesovelidae · 3 Hirudidae <u>Hydrometridae</u> Erpobdellidae Gerridae Astacidae в Nepidae Corophiidae Naucoridae 6 Gammaridae Notonectidae Δ Asellidae 3 Pleidae Siphlonuridae Corixidae Potamanthidae Tipulidae Heptageniidae Simuliidae Leptophlebiidae Chironomidae Ephemerellidae <u>Neritidae</u> Ephemeridae Viviparidae Caenidae 63 Ancylidae Baetidae <u>Unionidae</u> * Lestidae Sphaeriidae Calopterygidae Valvatidae Gomphidae Hydrobiidae 8 Cordulegasteridae Lymnaeidae Aeshnidae Physidae Corduliidae Planorbidae Libellulidae Platycnemididae Porifera 6 Coenagriidae 4 Polyzoa Sialidae <u>Nematoda</u> Taeniopterygidae Cladocera Leuctridae 49 Copepoda Capniidae Ostracoda 10 B (13) Perlodidae / Branchiura Perlidae <u>Veliidae</u> Chloroperlidae (:)Psychodidae Nemouridae (40) Ceratopogonidae. Phryganeidae Culicidae Molannidae Syrphidae Beraeidae (4) Muscidae Odontoceridae · Empididae Leptoceridae 10 Rhagionidae Goeridae Dixidae Lepidostomatidae Tabanidae Brachycentridae Ptychopteridae Sericostomatidae 70) Thaumaleidae Psychomidae Chaoboridae 6 Philopotamidae Stratiomyidae Rhyacophilidae 7) Hydrachnellidae Polycentropodidae 12 Halacaridae Limnephilidae Dreissenidae Hydroptilidae Hydropsychidae A. Haliplidae No of Scoring Families Hygrobiidae 3 No of other Families Dytiscidae 5 29 No of taxa Gyrinidae BMWP 152 Hydrophilidae ASPT

Shannon

Mean Density

COMBINED BMWP:

Scirtidae

Dryopidae

ASPT:

MACROINVERTEBRATE SURVEY DATA - CORNWALL AREA BIOCON LAB SITE No. 5

RIVER: BODILLY

S·T

SITE: BODILLY MILL .

NGR:

DATE: 12 06 96
SAMPLING OFFICER:

PURPOSE: POLLUTION INVESTIGATION LAB NO:

SORTED: S.T

IDENTIFIED: 3.T

COMMENTS:						(<u>-1,F.37</u>	3.1		
	1.1	1	2 1 3			1.1	1.2		
Planariidae	1	}			Elmidae	A			4
Dendrocoelidae	<u> </u>			- 5	Chrysomelidae				-{
Oligichaeta	TA		10	1-	Curclionidae		-		-1
Piscicolidae	_ _			4	Aphelocheiridae				-ŀ
Glossiphoniidae		\neg	1		Mesovelidae				-
Hirudidae		_	71	3	Hydrometridae			-	4
Erpobdellidae	1, 100	\dashv	1	- 1	Gerridae				4
Astacidae		-	-	. 8	Nepidae			-+	4
Corophiidae	+	2.						╼{	┥
Gammaridae	-A	- -	-	6	Naucoridae			 	4
Asellidae	_ _	\dashv	-	3	Notonectidae		 	_}	4
Siphlonuridae				-}- -	Pleidae			_	┥
Potamanthidae			-	-	Corixidae			-	⇃
		. -		-	Tipulidae	A	-		
Heptageniidae				- 10	Simuliidae				1
Leptophlebiidae		4—	17.3	4	Chironomidae	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	(17)	1
Ephemerellidae	<u>8</u>	4—	(10)		Neritidae]
Ephemeridae		┥_		1	Viviparidae				1
Caenidae	_ _			7	Ancylidae	A	_	-80]
Baetidae	<u> </u>			4	Unionidae	*		_i]_
Lestidae					Sphaeriidae	A			Γ
Calopterygidae					_Valvatidae				
Gomphidae				8	Hydrobiidae	\mathcal{B}			
Cordulegasteridae	A	Ĭ		7 °	Lymnaeidae				1
Aeshnidae		1		7	Physidae		1		
Corduliidae				1	Planorbidae			1	
Libellulidae				7 _		,			Γ
Platycnemididae					Porifera				
Coenagriidae		1	1	6	Polyzoa		1	-1	1
Sialidae	 	-	1	4	Nematoda				
Taeniopterygidae		1		1	Cladocera				
Leuctridae	В	\dagger	(21)	1	Copepoda			9	
Capniidae		1	112.7	1	Ostracoda		 	1961	
Perlodidae	A		(4)	10	Branchiura				
Perlidae	11	 	134	†	Veliidae	-	 	1	
Chloroperlidae	В	1	(3)	1			 	1	
Nemouridae	A	-		7	Psychodidae	- 	 	 	
Phryganeidae		 	(a)	- ' -	Ceratopogonidae	P.			
Molannidae	 		_	ł	Culicidae				
Beraeidae	 			}	Syrphidae	- -	_	 	
		-	-		Muscidae	A	 		
Odontoceridae	 	_		_	Empididae	A			
Leptoceridae	A	<u> </u>	(1)	10	Rhagionidae			17	
Goeridae	A		()		Dixidae		<u></u>		
Lepidostomatidae	A		(1)		Tabanidae				
Brachycentridae			_		Ptychopteridae				
Sericostomatidae	B		(19)		Thaumaleidae				
Psychomidae	A.			. 6	Chaoboridae				
Philopotamidae				Ģ	Stratiomyidae				
Rhyacophilidae	A		2		Hydrachnellidae	19			
Polycentropodidae	A			7	Halacaridae				
Limnephilidae	A				Dreissenidae				
Hydroptilidae	A			6		- 			
Hydropsychidae	A		7		100	- - 			
Haliplidae	1		1		No of Scoring Families	126		-lgl-	
Hygrobiidae	 	-	-			28			
Dytiscidae	-			ا م	No of other Families	4			
Gyrinidae	A			5	No of taxa	32			
Hydrophilidae	<u> </u>		4	ļ	BMWP	185			
Scirtidae	. A.				ASPT	6.61	<u> </u>		
Dryopidae	 			į, į	Shannon	4	}.		
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DISCUSSION

On arrival at the Trevethan farm tributary, an initial inspection of the stream was made by walking upstream (u/s) from its confluence with the Releath stream to it source situated in a marshy area approximately 10 m above Trevethan farm. It immediately became evident that the stream was heavily infested by sewage fungus and smelled strongly of decaying organic waste material. The only area of the stream found to be free from sewage fungus was a 10 m length extending from above the Trevethan farm buildings and in particular the silage clamp to the marsh source outflow. The stream within the vicinity of the farm was heavily choked by Hemlock water dropwort *Oenanthe crocata*, which prevented a representative biological sample from being taken. However, it was possible to take a sample from the tributary approximately 10 m above its confluence with the Releath stream

The results of the biological sample analysis for each of the 5 sites are listed in Table (1). They provided conclusive evidence that the Trevethan farm tributary has had a major impact the macroinvertebrate community of the Releath stream.

Site (1) was situated on the Releath stream approximately 5 m u/s of the confluence with the Trevethan farm tributary. A very diverse macro invertebrate community was found to be present that provided a BMWP score of 176 and an ASPT score of 6.52. This indicated good water quality. 7 group (1) taxa that are sensitive to organic pollution were found in the sample which reflected the absence of organic matter entering the Releath stream above this point. A juvenile Brown trout was found in the sample. Sewage fungus was absent from the stream at this point.

The sample from the Trevethan farm tributary, Site 2, was found to contain an extremely impoverished macroinvertebrate community. Chironomid fly larvae and the leach *Helobdella stagnalis* were found to dominate the community. These organisms are known to be tolerant of high organic loadings and low dissolved oxygen levels. The BMWP and ASPT scores of 49 and 4.45 respectively reflect poor water quality that is consistent with a severe, chronic discharge of organic matter to the watercourse. In addition to the poor macroinvertebrate community, sewage fungus was very abundant (100 % cover) and the stream smelled strongly of decaying organic material. No group (1) sensitive taxa were found within the sample.

Site 3 was situated on the Releath stream 10 m downstream of the Trevethan farm tributary. The BMWP (59) and ASPT (4.92) scores indicated a severe reduction in water quality compared to the u/s sampling point at site 1. This decline can be attributed to the Trevethan farm tributary and the taxa obtained in the sample were almost identical to those obtained in the sample from site 2. Sewage fungus was found to be present at an estimated abundance of 80 %.

Site 4 Releath stream at Vellanewson was previously sampled in 1991 and 1992 and is situated 600 m d/s of the Trevethan farm confluence. The macroinvertebrate community at this site had improved considerably compared to site 3 with the BMWP and ASPT scores increasing to 152 and 5.85 respectively and representing reasonable water quality. Group (1) sensitive taxa were again evident within the sample although at far lower abundances than that observed at site (1). Sewage fungus was still present but less abundant at this site (50% cover).

Site 5 on the Bodilly stream at Bodilly mill is also a routine biological monitoring site and was

situated approximately 900 m below the confluence with the Releath stream. This site obtained BMWP (185) and ASPT (6.61) scores which reflected good water quality and were the highest ever attained at this site (see Appendix *IV*). 8 group (1) sensitive taxa were found in the sample which was comparable to the situation found at site 1. Sewage fungus was again present but at an estimated abundance of 10 %. Brown trout were also observed at this site.

Graph (1) indicates how the abundance of group (1) sensitive taxa and Nemourid stoneflies varied at each site. It can be seen that the highest abundances of these taxa were found at site 1 with all but the Sericostomatid cased caddis fly larvae being eliminated at site 3, which was situated downstream of the Trevethan farm tributary. No group (1) taxa or Nemourid stoneflies were present at site 2 on the Trevethan farm tributary. The graph also indicates that although group (1) taxa were present at site 4 and site 5, their numbers were much lower than that observed at site 1. The Trevethan farm tributary may therefore be responsible for the observed reduction in the abundance of these taxa at these sites.

The development of profuse growths of sewage fungus is a characteristic indicator of organic discharges. However, the presence of sewage fungus does not automatically indicate high BOD or low dissolved oxygen (DO) levels. Some sewage fungus species can be associated with rapidly biodegradable organic materials (Eg. sugars within silage), elevated nitrogenous/phosphorous compound levels or a combination of both factors coupled with a high water DO level (Hellawell 1986). It is therefore possible to encounter relatively high abundances of sewage fungus in the presence of relatively diverse macroinvertebrate populations.

In summary, the Trevethan farm tributary would appear to be having a major impact upon the macroinvertebrate community within the vicinity of its confluence with the Releath stream. The BMWP scores show that a recovery had occurred at both sites 4 and 5 although the abundances of the group (1) sensitive taxa remained substantially lower. The high abundance of sewage fungus within the Trevethan farm tributary and Releath stream at sites 3 and 4 provide an indication of the chronic nature of the discharge.

HISTORICAL DATA FOR SITES 4 AND 5

Taxa List for NR06.2004 Bodilly Stream Bodilly Mill SW67003185 11 Samples taken previous to 02/07/1996

Biology Area	06	06	06	06	06	06	06	06	06	16	16
Day	19	13	03	01	27	07	15 =	22	10	13	23
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Taxa List for NR06.2004 Bodilly Stream Bodilly Mill SW67003185

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Pred. BMWP Score											
BMWP/Pred BMWP											
ASPT	6.57	6.38	6.27	6.30	6.00	6.35	6.62	6.13	5.71	6.70	5.95
Predicted ASPT											
ASPT/Pred ASPT											
Biotic Class	В	В	·A	В	В	В	В	C	В	А	В

Taxa List for NRO6.2010 Releath Stream Vellanewson SW66253270 6 Samples taken previous to 03/07/1996

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