

## OFWAT FINES:

NAG gave its view of the recent fines by OFWAT of YW and other water companies on August 22nd. [https://www.niddactiongroup.org/resources/YW\\_fine\\_issue.pdf](https://www.niddactiongroup.org/resources/YW_fine_issue.pdf)

Nidd Action Group has been active in investigating and communicating the published data from YW, and in seeking improvements (reductions) in harmful pollution into the Nidd catchment in particular.

Indeed, the origins of NAG arose from the concerns of local residents and in particular from the publication of storm water overflow data, first annually and now near real-time [Yorkshire Water - Storm Overflow Map \(arcgis.com\)](#).

NAG volunteers have played their part in investigating the health of the river Nidd.

Please continue to **report pollution incidents** to The Environment Agency hotline on **0800 80 70 600**. *Make sure you tell them the exact location of any pollution you see!*

## THE FUTURE OF THE WATER INDUSTRY:

While NAG appreciate that human sewage (treated or untreated) in rivers is not the only concern for the health of humans and wildlife, sewage and other sources of pollution need to be seriously addressed and properly monitored to confirm any future improvement.

NAG will continue to work with YW and others to improve the Nidd. For example:

- NAG is a partner in a major research project with The University of York, starting this month, to enable Citizen

Science volunteers throughout Yorkshire to monitor river pollution using state of the art methods. We will apply these to the Nidd

- NAG has also joined The Sewage Campaign Network [The Sewage Campaign Network](#). This is led by Ilkley Clean River Group, with other influential environmentally aware groups concerned to ensure that the Water Industry does what it is contracted to do, and acts according to the law.