

# FREE TRAINING COURSE

Hatherleigh Community Centre on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015

including presentations and practical demonstrations

**Can you, or a local group you are involved with, help monitor the health of rivers and streams in the River Torridge catchment area?**

This free training will equip you with the skills you need to sample invertebrates in local streams as part of the national Riverfly scheme. No experience, or specialist knowledge or equipment is necessary; just enthusiasm and some spare time.

Interested? Please contact Matt Edworthy, Biosphere Outreach Coordinator at [Matt.edworthy@devon.gov.uk](mailto:Matt.edworthy@devon.gov.uk), 01271 388508. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis

There are over 1,700km of recorded watercourses in the Northern Devon Nature Improvement Area. Since 2014 local volunteers have collected over 60 sets of monthly invertebrate data that tell us a lot about the health of the river. The presence or absence of certain species give us vital clues as to what is going on beneath the surface and if all the invertebrates disappear, we know that something has gone drastically wrong.

[www.northerndevonia.org/the-riverfly-volunteer-network](http://www.northerndevonia.org/the-riverfly-volunteer-network)

