

## Project

Willow mattress, for the Dorchester Fishing club.

## Location

River Frome Dorchester Dorset

## Job description

The left hand downstream bank from some hatches had become badly eroded after many years of cattle poaching.

Now that the stocking of this meadow is at an absolute minimum, we had a site meeting with our clients and the EA.

We decided that a live willow mattress was the best option for this site, re claiming important lost habitat and using materials that we were lucky to have close by.

Once all the necessary paper work had been completed, and consents granted, we set about driving in all the posts, then weaving along the front of the structure, before back filling with more live willow.

Then allowing nature to take its course, depositing vast amounts of silt into the structure in the coming winter.

This structure also provided masses of habitat for both juvenile Salmonids and invertebrates, with many species finding new homes as we finished.



Finishing touches to our willow mattress, the whole structure, stable enough to survive the strongest of floods.



We were able to reclaim valuable habitat by installing a large live willow mattress.