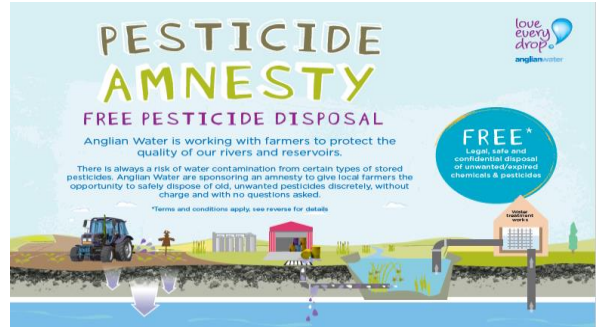


# Pesticide Amnesty- Success across catchments



A **Pesticide Amnesty** gives farmers the opportunity to clear out pesticide stores of any products they no longer require, are out of date or have been unapproved for UK use. We have run a series of Pesticide Amnesties, in conjunction with Chemastic, (formally ChemClear) who are a chemical waste collection and disposal service) in relevant catchments to date., with results broken down by catchment below:



- Lincolnshire Pesticide Amnesty** between November 2015 and January 2017 – results showed that over 503kg and 1,730 litres of product was removed, covering 243 individual products and involving 29 farmers

- Norfolk Pesticide Amnesty** between November 2016 and January 2017 – results showed that over 1,189kg of product was removed, covering 248 individual products and involving 26 farmers

- Pitsford Pesticide Amnesty** between November 2016 and January 2017 – results showed over 640kg of product was removed, covering 130 individual products and involving 13 farmers

- Essex (Ardleigh) Pesticide Amnesty** between November 2017 through to January 2018 – results showed over 1,000kg of product was removed involving 23 farmers. All those who took part were also left with an Anglian Water Drip Tray to help reduce future losses when filling sprayers/knapsacks

- Lincolnshire Pesticide Amnesty** (SiO Covenham 1 Catchment) between November 2018 and January 2019 – results showed 1,280kg of product was removed involving 31 farmers.

**Pitsford and Holliwell Pesticide Amnesty** (SiO Catchment) between November 2018 and January 2019 – results covered 6 farmers, who submitted 41 different products totalling 36.71kg of product and 107 litres.

The project has been supported by a **number of key stakeholders** including the Voluntary Initiative (VI), National Farmers Union (NFU), Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF), Environment Agency (EA), Campaign for Farmed Environment (CFE), agricultural buying groups and local agronomists.

The **Pesticide Amnesties** have had positive feedback, with agronomists and farmers from other areas which have not yet had a Pesticide Amnesty pro-actively asking if Anglian Water can facilitate a Pesticide Amnesty in their area.

Below are some feedback from the farmers in our catchments who took part in one of our Pesticide Amnesties.

*“The excellent and efficient team at ChemClear have collected our chemicals and I just wanted to say a very big thank you to Anglian Water for their assistance in this matter”.*

*“It’s a shame it’s not done in all areas, but hopefully people will realise what a good thing it is.”*

*“Easy process”*

*“This was a really positive project from Anglian Water. Farmers want to do the right thing to protect water quality and this made the whole process far easier.”*

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