

GOLDEN VALLEY FISH AND WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION



HEREFORDSHIRE EEL PROJECT UPDATE 2017

92,000 more baby eels saved from export and returned to local waters!

This Easter more a further 92,000 elvers were successfully saved from export by purchase, and returned to the watersheds of the rivers Dore, Arrow and Wye. This work was conducted over three days in collaboration with the Lugg and Arrow Fisheries Association, and funded principally by a very generous donor via the Herefordshire Community Foundation. In total, over a quarter of a million baby eels have now been saved and restocked since the project began in 2012. Best available evidence from the Environment Agency indicates an eleven-fold increase in eel numbers in target waters since our project began. Our attention will now turn back to our principal objective – the closure of the commercial export trade, without which none of this hard work would have been necessary. For photos of this year's stocking see below:

































