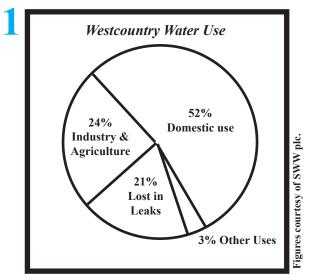
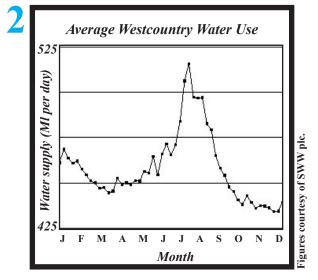
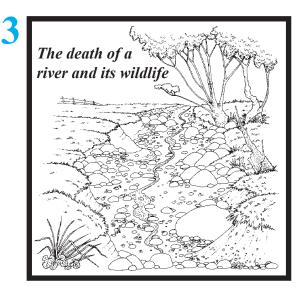
## Five things to understand about our rivers



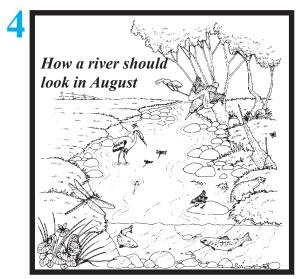
Half of all the water used in the Westcountry is used in our homes. If this water was not used it would flow down a river.



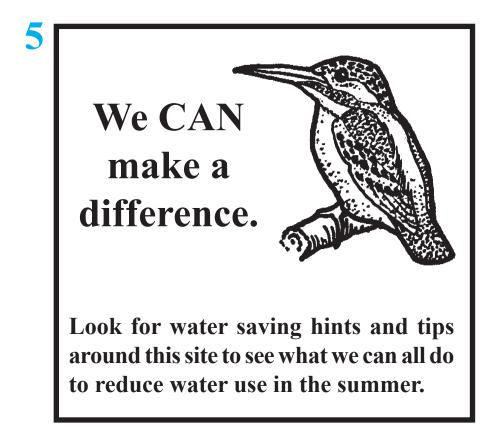
Human water use is highest in the summer when the rivers are naturally at their lowest levels.



If a river dries up in the summer much of the wildlife in it will die. It takes around 2 years for new animals to build up their numbers and colonise the river once again.



If we can make sure rivers have plenty of clean water in August and September we can be confident that the river and its wildlife will remain healthy all year.







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