

# Water Talks 2023

## WATER in the *Landscape*

The first of four 'Water Talks' in April and May

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April

**Dave Rumble**

Dave is a Sotonian who studied ecology and worked overseas before returning to his native Hampshire and a career in conservation; first with the local Wildlife Trust and now as Chief Executive of Wessex Rivers Trust, also a registered conservation charity.

He is especially interested in large-scale, integrated approaches to environmental challenges and so called nature-based solutions where ecological restoration and climate action interlink.

*Water in the Landscape* very much sets the scene for our cascade of four talks. These talks take us from the 'macro', ie the *landscape*, at a regional level, to the 'micro', and how our everyday (and not so everyday) purchases and lifestyles impact on water in a multitude of ways in the *Water in Everything, Everywhere* talk that ends and caps this current series.

This talk will cover the watery landscape of our local catchment, the significance of the chalk aquifer and its streams, and how groundwater and surface water interact.

Trends in rainfall, water use and river flows will be explored, and how these combine to impact the health of our water environment, together with water quality problems and resilience to drought and flooding. This will set the scene for the following talks by saying why taking action matters.

**This talk is free and open to the public.** The talk is funded by a local resident and provided under the auspices of Transition Southampton. *There's no need to book – just turn-up.* The talk is 6:50pm for a 7:00pm start. *Look forward to seeing you there at:-*

**The Lounge, Highfield Church Centre, Highfield, Southampton, SO17 1RL**