

I am the Project Engagement Officer the Saving Devon's Native Crayfish project by The Wildwood Trust, Wildwood Devon. <https://wildwoodtrust.org/conservation-and-rewilding/conservation-projects/crayfish-hatchery-and-nursery/> I am emailing to see if it's possible to place an A3 portrait panel sign along the footpath Devonshire Heartland Way stretch of river area that promotes the Check, Clean, Dry campaign to help stop the spread of Invasive Signal Crayfish and the potential Crayfish plague they can carry. It would help the endangered White-Clawed Crayfish in that stretch of river and raise awareness. I have attached a draft example of what it will look like. It still needs to be checked off. The sign is in collaboration with South West Water as they are providing funding for it, hence theirs and our logo. Please let me know if we would be able to put this at the start of FP 4 Station road end. Thank you. Best wishes, Stacey Tonkin

Saving Devon's
**NATIVE
 CRAYFISH**

Protecting Our Freshwater Ecosystems

Devon's White-Clawed Crayfish - our only native freshwater crayfish - are on the brink of extinction, with populations in rapid decline due to habitat loss, pollution, and competition from invasive species. The Wildwood Trust is leading the charge to rescue and restore these endangered creatures, ensuring their survival for future generations.

The introduction of non-native crayfish species, such as the American signal crayfish (*Pacifastacus leniusculus*), poses a significant threat to the White-Clawed Crayfish. The invasive species outcompete native crayfish for resources and can carry a devastating crayfish plague (*Aphanomyces astaci*), which can kill a

White-Clawed Crayfish population within a few weeks. This Crayfish plague is spread through contaminated water. If you use the river here please **CHECK** your equipment, **CLEAN** it with soap such as Safe4 and then **DRY** it thoroughly as Crayfish plague can stay alive in damp conditions for around two weeks.

If you see a Crayfish please do not touch it! It is illegal to touch, handle, pick up, disturb or trap Crayfish in the UK.

CHECK CLEAN DRY

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