

1.12.16 Seven Springs at Andoversford is known to be the source of the River Churn and the River Thames.

The River Churn flows south/south east to Cirencester.

The River Thames is sourced from aquifers originating from Seven Springs which run due south underground for 12 miles and rise at Trewsbury, near Coates and then on to London.

The River Frome rises at Brimpsfield and flows westwards down to Stroud to join the River Severn.

The River Dunt (aka Daglingworth Stream) rises from Duntisbourne Abbots and flows south into Cirencester where it joins the River Churn.

Both the River Dunt and the River Frome may be fed from aquifers originating from Seven Springs.

In extreme conditions, Cirencester suffers from flooding, largely owing to water flowing from the River Churn and the River Dunt (The lead flood officer at CDC tells me that the River Dunt accounts for 25% of water flowing into Cirencester). When the waters reach Cirencester, they saturate the water meadows, fill the culverts and fill the drainage system which causes foul water to flood into housing. Several flood forums hosted by our MP Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, have identified actions which need to be taken by agencies including the Environment Agency, Thames Water and Gloucestershire County Council - overwhelming, expensive and there is no one to coordinate them. If the Environment Agency was able to bid for designated funds to pull everyone together and coordinate the work, there would be benefits to biodiversity upstream, benefits to the river infrastructure and benefits to the wider community and of course Cirencester residents.