In 2020 SES Water achieved the Biodiversity Benchmark at Elmer Water Treatment Works & Young Street Boreholes and again in 2022 at Fetcham Springs in Leatherhead.

The two sites cover 16 hectares and supply drinking water to the Mole Valley district. A diverse mix of significant habitat is maintained as part of the award. These include: species-rich grassland, semi-natural woodland, hedgerows, dense scrub and a spring-fed lake all in an urban setting – and found during accompanying surveys to be supporting species such as several noteworthy butterflies, dormice, badgers, lizards and slow-worms.

SES Water are working towards achieving the Benchmark at Bough Beech Reservoir in Kent soon as well.

“Our commitment to reducing the environmental impact of the essential service we provide is industry leading and our clear Biodiversity Action Plan ensures the careful management of habitats needed for wildlife to thrive, now and in the future.”

Tom Kelly SES Water Wholesale Director