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Date	River & location	Event Details	Event Organiser Contact Details
Sunday June 24 12pm-3pm	Meet by the café in Ladywell Park at its northern end, near Ladywell Rail Station, Lewisham, SE13 7XA	**London Rivers Week launch event:** Bring the family to learn about rivers and the issues they face as well as the citizen science programmes you can get involved in to help protect waterways. Explore Ladywell Fields, a river restoration success story, via guided wades. Become a dragonfly detective, participate in river dipping and riverfly monitoring. See how remote controlled boats are tackling water quality. Find out how the #OneLess campaign is encouraging people to switch from single-use plastic bottles, calling for refilling stations and influencing policy makers and government. Activities and demonstrations will be run by groups including Thames21, Thames Estuary Partnership, ZSL, Thames21, London Wildlife Trust, South East Rivers Trust and the Environment Agency. **Event Link**.	Chris Coode, Thames21 **07813 799757** **chris.coode@thames21.org.uk**
Monday June 25 5pm-6.30pm	The Princess of Wales Pub (in the beer garden around the back if not raining), 146 Lea Bridge Rd, London E5 9RB.	**Eel Monitoring Training:** Would you like to become a volunteer monitoring eels in the River Lea? The Canal and River Trust and the Zoological Society of London are offering a fantastic opportunity to become a citizen scientist. You'll learn to check eel traps, count, measure and release eels safely and upload the data to the ZSL website. Monitoring runs from April to September. **Event Link**.	LinziJoy MacDonald, Canal and River Trust **Linzijoy.macdonald@canalrivertrust.org.uk** **07484 912884**
Monday June 25 6pm-7.30pm	Start at Peter Pan Park, Bromley Road, London, SE6 2RP and walk to Ladywell	**River Restoration on the Ravensbourne Walk:** Join Richard Charman and Dave Webb from the EA for a gentle 90 minute guided walk about the various river restoration works along the route. Starting at Peter Pan Park (a recent restoration), the walk goes via the River Pool River to look at the concrete curves, then through Catford and ends at the Ladywell Fields diversion channel which now flows through the centre of the park. **Event Link.**	Richard Charman, Environment Agency **07789 651932** **richard.charman@** **environment-agency.gov.uk**
Tuesday June 26 11am-2pm	Hogsmill River, Springfield Road, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 2SA	**Hogsmill River Clean Up:** Join the South East Rivers Trust and Thames21 to clean up the Hogsmill River in Kingston. Help remove fly-tipping and litter from this precious chalk stream in south London. **Booking required** via **Event Link.**	Polly Bryant, South East Rivers Trust **07833 497599** **volunteering@southeastriverstrust.org**

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Tuesday June 26 6.30pm-7.30pm	Richmond Park, Roehampton Gate, 142 Priory Lane, SW15 5JP	**Beverley Brook guided walk:** Join us on the banks of the Beverley Brook in Richmond Park to hear about the work of the Catchment Partnership approach to enhance and restore the river for people and wildlife. **Book** via **Event Link.**	Polly Bryant, South East Rivers Trust **07833 497599** **volunteering@southeastriverstrust.org**
Tuesday June 26 10am-2pm	Stafford Road Open Space. Entrance via Stafford Road or footpath opposite Ruislip Gardens Tube Station, HA4 6PW	**Woodlarks and Waders on the Yeading Brook. Official opening after Balsam removal:** Join London Wildlife Trust for removal of Himalayan Balsam at 10am followed by the official opening of the Yeading Brook restoration project (12pm) at Stafford Road Open Space. Learn more about the project, through which LWT have been working with the Environment Agency and the London Borough of Hillingdon to restore a section of Yeading Brook by reconnecting an old meander and creating a backwater. **Event Link**.	Alice Wickman, London Wildlife Trust **07837 576786** **awickman@wildlondon.org.uk**
Wednesday June 27 10am-4pm	Welsh Harp Environmental Education Centre, Birchen Grove, NW9 8RY	**Give your river a health check! One day training with MoRPh Citizen Science.** Learn more about how river form and function supports aquatic habitats for wildlife and how monitoring can help guide decisions for river enhancements. This is fascinating citizen science training in the Modular River Survey physical habitat assessment method (MoRPh). **Book** via **Event Link.**	Lucy Shuker, Thames21 **07523 512848** **Lucy.Shuker@thames21.org.uk**
Wednesday June 27 10am-3.30pm	Meet at Poplar Union, 2 Cotall St, Poplar, London, E14 6TL	**Limehouse Cut Clean Up**: Join the Canal and River Trust to clear vegetation including buddleia, plus litter picking. There will also be floating litter picking with Moo Canoes. Join us for the morning or bring a packed lunch and stay all day! **Book** via **Event Link**.	Ross Fogden, Canal and River Trust **020 7517 5560** **enquiries.london@canalrivertrust.org.uk**
Wednesday June 27 11am-1.30pm	Watling Park, Barnet. Northern Entrance to park, Abbots Road Edgware, HA8 0RF	**Clean Up and Litter Survey at Watling Park:** Volunteer with Thames21 to help conserve the Burnt Oak Brook. Prevent plastic and other litter reaching the Thames via this river. This event is in partnership with the Marine Conservation Society. **Book** via **Event Link**.	Billy Coburn, Thames21 **07557 970812** **billy.coburn@thames21.org.uk**
Wednesday June 27 5.30pm-8pm	Meet at Old Ford Lock. Go to the end of Dace Road, E3 2NN. Cross the bridge to find organisers	**River Lea/Hertford Union Clean up:** Join the Lower Regents Coalition and Moo Canoes for a clean-up – using a canoe or kayak. If you don't fancy paddling, the tow path also needs attention. Wear suitable clothes. Equipment provided. No need to book, just come along! Once the event has finished, enjoy a barbecue courtesy of the Canal and River Trust.	Dave Bedford, Lower Regents Coalition **lowerregentscoalition@gmail.com**

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Thursday June 28 12pm-2pm	Meet at Morrisons car park, 2 Joyce Dawson Way, Thamesmead SE28 8RA.	**Dragonfly walk through Thamesmead:** Explore the canal system of north Thamesmead with the London Wildlife Trust. You'll be looking for the variety of wonderfly dragonflies that call these canals home. **Book** via **Event Link** or contact David Courtneidge directly.	David Courtneidge, London Wildlife Trust **07834 867422** **dcourtneidge@wildlondon.org.uk**
Thursday June 28 10am-2pm	River Wandle, Butter Hill, Carshalton, SM5 2JS	**River Wandle Clean Up.** Help clean up the River Wandle in Carshalton by joining the South East Rivers Trust as they remove fly-tipping and litter from this precious chalk stream in south London. Book via **Event Link.**	Polly Bryant, South East Rivers Trust **07833 497599** **volunteering@southeastriverstrust.org**
Thursday June 28 6pm-8pm	City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London SE1 2AA	**How We Value Our Rivers:** An evening of presentations and discussions on how we value London's rivers and the Natural Capital Approach advocated within the recently published DEFRA 25 year Environment Plan. **Event Link.**	Dave Webb, Environment Agency **0208 4746674** **david.webb@environment-agency.gov.uk**
Thursday June 28 6pm-8.30pm	London Bridge City Pier, London Bridge Walk, London, SE1 3UD	**Guided Boat Tour of Tideway's Construction Sites:** The company building the new super sewer will be conducting a tour of sites for the Tideway Tunnel construction along the River Thames, via a 100-seater boat. Event fully booked.	
Thursday June 28 5.30pm-8pm	Farlows, 9 Pall Mall, London, SW1Y 5NP	**Blue Heart – Film Premiere (free):** Join Patagonia for the premiere of their new film. This details how 3,000 hydropower dams will cause irreversible damage to Europe's last wild rivers, in the Balkans. Blue Heart documents the battle for the largest undammed river in Europe - Albania's Vjosa - the effort to save the endangered Balkan lynx in Macedonia, and the women of Kruščica, Bosnia & Herzegovina, who are spearheading a months-long, 24/7 protest to protect their community's only source of fresh water. **Event Link.**	Ian Welch, Farlows **07775 870661** **ian.welch@farlows.co.uk**
Thursday June 28 5.30pm-8pm	Fassnidge Park, Uxbridge, UB8	**Family Evening on The Frays River:** Join Thames21 and The Sharks kayak club for a free taster session in a kayak. See what lives in your local river. Take a walk in the park and along the river. Kayaking is available in 30 minute slots, starting at 5.30pm. First come, first served. This family friendly event is open to all! If kayaking, bringing a spare set of clothes is recommended. **Event Link.**	Billy Coburn and Caitlin Curry, Thames21 **07557 970812** **billy.coburn@thames21.org.uk**
Friday June 29 10am-2pm	Wandle Park, 140 High Street, Colliers Wood, London, SW19 2BN	**Pulling Pennywort on The Wandle.** Join the South East Rivers Trust on the River Wandle to learn about the invasive aquatic species found along the river and help us tackle floating pennywort. Bring lunch. Book via **Event Link**.	Polly Bryant, South East Rivers Trust **07833 497599** **volunteering@southeastriverstrust.org**

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Friday June 29 10am-2pm	Brookside Road, UB4 0PL	**Yeading Meadows Clean Up and Himalayan Balsam Pulling.** Join volunteers in Heathrow, working with the London Borough of Hillingdon to deep clean a section of Yeading Brook and adjacent fields and trails. **Email to book**.	Dragana Knezevic, London Borough of Hillingdon **01895 277534** **dknezevic@hillingdon.gov.uk**
Friday June 29 10am-2pm	Barking Barrier Park, off River Road, IG11 0EG	**Clean Up of Barking Barrier Foreshore.** Join the Environment Agency to remove some of the plastic from the river edge and learn more about the river. **Event Link.**	David Webb, Environment Agency **020 8474 6674** **david.webb@environment-agency.gov.uk**
Friday June 29 6pm-8pm	Event Pontoon, Centre Basin, St Katharine's Docks E1W 1LA	**Closing ceremony of Message in a Bottle: Source to Sea.** Join Carlos de Sousa and Carolyn Newton, from the Whale Company, to celebrate the end of their Stand up Paddle Board journey to raise awareness about plastic pollution in the river. Having begun on World Oceans Day (June 8) they have paddled 300km from Lechlade to Gravesend and delivered a message to Parliament from school children. Hear their stories and trying paddling on their plastic board. Booking required, through **Event Link**.	Claire Daniels, St Katherine's Docks **020 7264 5289** **CDaniels@SKDocks.co.uk**
Saturday June 30 10am-3pm	Meet at Dartford District Angling & Preservation Society, Horton Kirby Fishir Venue car park, Horton Road, Horton Kirby, DA4 9AZ	**The Darent, Our Chalk River:** Join the North West Kent Countryside Partnership and Horton Kirby & South Darenth Parish Council as they encourage local people to take ownership of their river. Activities include Himalayan balsam pulling and improving the access along the Darent Valley Path. **Contact event organiser to confirm attendance and shoe size for waders.** Limit of 20. Bring packed lunch.	Mark Gallant, North West Kent Countryside Partnership **07740 185228** **mark.gallant@kent.gov.uk**
Saturday June 30 9am-4pm	Meet at Spring Place, Barking IG11 7GN	**River Roding Clean Up and film.** Join Thames21 and Anti-Plastic People to scoop out plastic among the reedbeds along the tidal section of the Roding, below the lock gates. At 1pm there will be a break to watch the film A Plastic Tide in the Boat House on Malt House Lane, IG11 7BT, then it's back to work before the tide comes in! **Event Link.**	Emma Harrington, Thames21 **07738 983334** **Emma.Harrington@thames21.org.uk**
Saturday June 30 1pm-1.45pm	Kew foreshore, Strand on the Green, W4 3NN	**Learn about fish in the tidal Thames:** Join the Environment Agency who will be carrying out a tide-way fishery survey and find out more about the types of fish on the Thames. Meet on Kew foreshore, downstream of Kew Bridge, north bank access. **Event Link.**	David Webb, Environment Agency **020 8474 6674** **david.webb@environment-agency.gov.uk**

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Sunday July 1 11am-3pm	Welsh Harp Reservoir, NW9 Exact meeting spot TBC.	**London Rivers Week closing event: The INNS and outs of biodiversity:** Join Thames21 at the Welsh Harp SSSI Reservoir for an event that combines pulling out Himalayan balsam with a Brent Rivers and Valley Environment (BRaVE) citizen science event. Learn about habitat management and monitoring of invasive non-native species (INNS) and how this is done through a Catchment based approach. BCP partners present will include: Thames21, Environment Agency, Canal and River Trust, London Borough of Barnet, Friends of Welsh Harp and others. **Event Link.**	Lucy Shuker, Thames21 **07523 512848** **Lucy.Shuker@thames21.org.uk**
Sunday July 1 1pm-2pm	Hogsmill public open space. Stirling Walk, KT5 9HY	**Restoring the Surbiton Stream and Hogsmill: Guided Walk**. Exploring the hidden Hogsmill and how organisations are working together to enhance it. Meet outside the scout hut just off Stirling Walk, KT5 9HY.	Elliot Newton, Environment Trust **07906 402431** **elliot.newton@environmenttrust.co.uk**