

Enhancing the Roundmoor

April 2018

Dear Householder

We are writing to you to inform you of some changes that will be taking place in the coming months to improve the Roundmoor Ditch and notify you of what to expect.

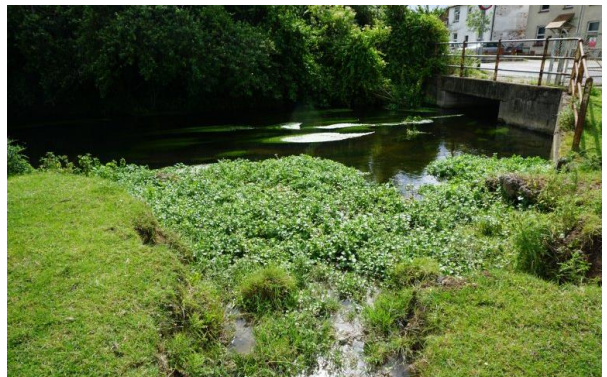
IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ROUNDMOOR DITCH

Thames21, a charity that works to put healthy rivers back at the heart of community life, will be installing some temporary fencing and watering points on the common with local contractors between May and June. This will protect the banks from being trampled by cattle and provide a secure place for them to drink from the river.

Permits from the Environment Agency have been secured to carry out the improvements to the river channel which will commence at the end of the fish spawning season in June and continue to the end of the year.

The enhancement works will include: building deflectors and berms, restoring river bank, and marginal planting.

Schools in the local area will also continue to benefit from outdoor lessons at the Roundmoor Ditch and the Thames Water Sewage Treatment Works education centre this summer.



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HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

Volunteer Days

There will be weekly opportunities to volunteer which will be open anyone who wants to be part of river enhancement effort. Thames21 will provide equipment and guidance to all volunteers at the volunteer days. No experience needed. The dates of volunteer days will be advertised from July onwards locally on site and online.

Thames21 is also offering volunteers the chance to join our free, nationally accredited, 2-day training course on managing waterways.

Marginal Planting Opportunity

Residents whose gardens border the river will have the opportunity to create an area of natural habitat at the river margin. This will involve planting native river plants in the water which will provide new habitat, reduce pollutants and look beautiful. The plants and improvement materials are available for free.

Eton Wick Waterways Group

If you are local resident interested in local waterways and the environment surrounding Eton Wick please join the Eton Wick Waterways Group www.facebook.com/EtonWickWG EWWG welcomes new members to join the group with monthly meetings held locally. Please contact for details of the next group meeting Mark Cannon (markcannon3@hotmail.com) or Melanie Critchell (melanie@fusionfacilities.com).



Example of marginal planting

CONTACT THAMES21

If you are interested in getting involved with the project through volunteering or simply want to know more about this enhancement work, please get in touch with:

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