



Roundmoor Ditch Improvement Project Community Update Letter

October 2018

Dear Volunteer, Supporter, Local Resident, and Friends,

Volunteers have been extremely busy improving the Roundmoor Ditch and we wanted to update you on what has happened.

Project Update

At the end of June you would have seen the new temporary fencing and watering points in place on the common. This work has restored these areas of the river bank that have been damaged and provides safe access to drinking water for livestock.

You will also notice small in-channel improvement features that have been built by local volunteers. The volunteer events begun in July following the end of the fish spawning season. Fifteen river improvement events have taken place on the Roundmoor Ditch. Volunteers have each given 60 hours of their time enhancing 350 metres of the watercourse. Four permeable berms, 2 deflectors, and over 100 metres of river bank improvements have been installed.



The volunteer river improvement events will continue until the end of December and are open for all those who want to get involved in the river improvement effort. Thames21 will be leading the events, and will provide equipment and guidance to all volunteers so no experience is needed. The event dates are advertised locally and online.

www.thames21.org.uk/events

Leading a Waterways Event Training

Local residents wanting to increase their knowledge and skills we'll be offering a free, nationally accredited, 2 day training course on leading events and managing waterways that will take place in Eton Wick. This will provided the training and insurances needed to lead public events on the water course. Please register your interest with **Poppy Flint** by the week commencing the **5th of November 2018**. poppy.flint@thames21.org.uk / 07739 627 665

Marginal Planting Opportunity

As part of the work to improve the river channel we're also offering the chance for residents who's gardens boarder the river to join with Thames21 to create an area of natural habitat at the river margin. This would involve planting native river plants in the water that provide new habitat, reduce pollutants and look beautiful. The plants and improvement materials will be available for free.

If you are interested in getting involved with this planting project please get in touch. If you have other comments about the project or want to talk about getting involved with the volunteering or training please do not hesitate to ask. A project quarterly timeline is available online via our website.

Finally, if you are a local resident with an interest in the local waterways and environment surrounding Eton Wick please join the **Eton Wick Waterways Group (EWWG)** Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/EtonWickWG/> The EWWG welcomes new members to join the group, with monthly meetings held locally. Please contact info@etonwickwaterwaysgroup.org for further information.

Kindest regards,

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Example of marginal planting

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