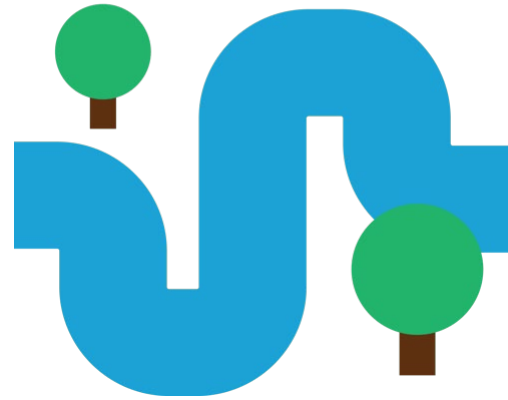


Rediscovering the River Colne



Welcome to the Spring 2024 River Colne newsletter!

Hello friend,

You are receiving this email after joining the mailing list or attending a Rediscovering the River Colne and/or Tales of the River Colne project in Watford.

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What have we been up to?

Berm volunteering work



Due to the very wet spring, the river level on the Colne has been consistently high since before Christmas, pushing the building of our berms - woody protrusions into the river, to add variety of flow and enhance habitat features - later into the year.

However, this didn't stop our eager volunteers getting out and doing some great work clearing up felled trees on site, and preparing that wood for use in the berms.

This will make our work much easier once we can get in the water!

Colne Community Coffee Evening

At the end of April, we invited current and prospective volunteers to join us at Watford rugby club to discuss the River Colne programmes in Watford. We saw a great turnout from familiar and new faces to hear a programme update and learn about exciting opportunities. There were some great discussions from the local community to voice their opinions and what they would like to see more of along the River Colne. There will be another coffee evening in Summer 2024, keep an eye on our social media for upcoming details.

Travelling Tales of the River Colne

As a part of the National Lottery Heritage Fund, we have delivered to over 250 residents since January to educate residents more about the importance of the river in developing the town over the years. We have visited groups such as residential

homes, schools and local community groups. We are looking to book more sessions with groups and schools in the area. If you are part of a group or school, please use the link below to register your interest.

Upcoming Events in Watford

Tales of the River Wildplay

Learn about Watford's history and heritage through outdoor crafts and engaging activities. Suitable for ages 8 and under with their parents/guardians.

- 29th May
- 9.15-10.45am, 11am-12.30pm, 1-2.30pm
- Oxhey Activity Park



[Book Here](#)



Volunteer with Groundwork at Watford Green Market

Come volunteer with Groundwork East, to help raise awareness of the River Colne programmes in Watford.

Sunday 9th June 2024,
Watford High Street and
Atria



For more info:
Contact emily.evans@groundwork.org.uk
Book here: <https://bit.ly/3W71w7a>



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Berm building at Timberlake

Help improve our in-river habitat for



wildlife by building woody berms.
Please note this is 16+ and the work
will be heavy!

25th, 26th June and 2nd July. 9.30 -
3.30.

[Register your interest](#)

What to look out for in Spring!

- Orange-tip butterfly - These seasonal beauties are seen fluttering between April and July. The top of the male's wings are stamped with orange tips, while the female's have grey-black wing tips. Both genders are great at camouflaging on plants, due to the green-grey pattern on the underside of their hind wings.
- White-tailed bumblebees - They're easy to spot, just look out for a bee with a white bum! They are very common and you should expect to see them buzzing around your garden, local park or woodland. They prefer short, open flowers such as White Clover and Comfrey.



Opportunities

Junior River Champions

Up to an hour and a half for junior classes or community groups to help protect and restore the River Colne in Watford. With a Riverfly survey "What lurks beneath" to help monitor the health of the river by finding water invertebrates.



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Travelling Tales of the River Colne

Travelling Tales is an interactive heritage tour of the River Colne, making a journey around the communities of Watford. Our aim is to engage the residents of Watford with the history of the river and emphasize the crucial role that the Colne has played in the development of the town. We are looking for adult and youth groups to engage with this Spring and Summer 2024.

Become a Walk Leader!

As part of our 'Tales of the River' project, funded by [National Lottery Heritage Fund](#) with thanks to National Lottery Players, we are looking for paid walk leaders to guide river adventures along the beautiful River Colne.

If you're ready to embark on a journey of discovery and share your love for Watford's hidden gems, we want to hear

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Walk leaders!

Have a story to tell about Watford's natural, cultural or industrial heritage? Can you inspire others with your art, creativity or passion?

Groundwork and Watford Borough Council are looking for paid walk leaders to run river walks linked with the River Colne.

To find out more about this opportunity please contact:
adam.asquith@groundwork.org.uk

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**We are always looking for volunteers for the River Colne
Programmes. If you are interested please contact
emily.evans@groundwork.org.uk .**

To keep up to date with upcoming events and information, visit the programme
website: <https://www.rivercolnewatford.co.uk/>

Warm Regards,

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