

UK Rivers Network

UK Rivers Network: Weekly News Update – 2 June 2025

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River news

June 2025

1 June 2025: [Intrepid volunteers help the River Soar to soar!](#): Well done to paddling pollution busters in Leicestershire who pulled 60 bags of trash from Leicestershire's River Soar as part of the 2025 Big Paddle Cleanup.

May 2025

31 May 2025: [Pirates against poo successfully stir the s*it!](#): Responding to Captain Baldie and the pirates who took to East Anglia's rivers in a recent pollution protest, the Environment Agency claims its confident of water quality improvements.

30 May 2025: [Somerset eels get a passport to freedom](#): New eel passes on the Rivers Parrett and Brue will help eels swim to and from their breeding grounds in the Sargasso Sea.

30 May 2025: [London Rivers Week](#): It's the ninth year of London Rivers Week, a "week-long annual campaign inspiring the public to celebrate all of London's rivers and the many projects taking place to protect them. All events are FREE and will include guided walks, talks and cultural events". Check out the Calendar of Events on Thames 21's website.

30 May 2025: [Big River Watch report from the Rivers Trust](#): In an amazing team effort, 3,909 people took part and submitted 2,261 surveys, spotting lots of wildlife but unfortunately also lots of pollution.

30 May 2025: [How climate change is making rivers from salty](#): A new study of the Banladesh Delt by Mo Hoque at the University of Portsmouth and colleagues looks at how our changing climate is increasing salinity, with potentially devastating consequences for water security and agriculture.

29 May 2025: [Thames Water fine will not be spent on water improvements](#): Lucy Heath keeps up the pressure on Steve Reed, who has resisted calls to use Thames Water's recent fine on tackling pollution.

29 May 2025: [Plans for new reservoirs announced](#): More "build build build" rhetoric from the government, but can it deliver safe water without wrecking the environment?

29 May 2025: [Clean up your act, Thames Water, say ARK](#): Action for the River Kennet have demanded that Thames Water spends its recent £122.7m fine cleaning up rivers.

29 May 2025: [The chemical cocktail seeping into our rivers](#): Phoebe Watson, writing in The Guardian, reports on Prof Alistair Boxall's efforts to understand pollution in York's River Foss.

28 May 2025: [River Gade goes back for the future](#): The Environment Agency, working with Affinity Water, Dacorum Borough Council and contractors BAM Nuttall, has finished restoration of the Gade in Hertfordshire.

28 May 2025: [Volunteers get a boost in the Lower Derwent Valley](#): Natural England reports on progress with the construction of Lower Derwent Valley NNR's new volunteer, community and nature recovery science hub.

22 May 2025: [Headstart: a new approach to cleaning up Britain's river systems](#): The Freshwater Habitats Trust has suggested an innovative way of tackling river pollution. According to CEO Jeremy Biggs: "When we talk about cleaning up our water system, people usually think of pollution in big rivers. But our evidence shows that cleaning up small catchments at the top of the river network could transform the water environment. Although they are individually small, headwater streams make up more than 70% of Britain's river network, and their catchments cover more than half of England and Wales. Because they are small, headwater catchments face fewer pollution sources and are easier to manage. Crucially, these catchments respond quickly to restoration. This means we can achieve results within years rather than decades."

Jobs and other opportunities

The closing dates for jobs are in brackets.

Jobs

- **Jobs**
- [Oceana UK: Marine scientist](#) (15 June 2025)
- [Wessex Rivers Trust: Trust Administrator](#) (9 June 2025)
- [Wessex Rivers Trust: Project Officer](#) (9 June 2025)
- [Education and Engagement Officer, South East Rivers Trust](#) (8 June 2025)

- [Wessex Rivers Trust: Engagement Officer](#) (3 June 2025)
- [Shropshire Wildlife Trust: Severn & Wye Nature Programme Manager](#) (2 June 2025)
- [Sussex Wildlife Trust: Wilder Ouse Officer](#) (2 June 2025)
- [Wiltshire Wildlife Trust: Head of Nature Recovery \(Maternity Cover\)](#) (2 June 2025)
- [South East Rivers Trust: Senior Catchment Officer \(Wandle and Darent\)](#) (1 June 2025)
- [Business & Corporate Engagement Partner, Canal and River Trust](#) (1 June 2025)
- [River Action: Campaign analyst](#) (28 May 2025)

Trustees and other voluntary posts

- [Trustees: Sussex Wildlife Trust](#) (20 June 2025)
- [Trustees: River Waveney Trust](#) (12 June 2025)
- [Chair of Trustees: Wild Trout Trust](#) (30 May 2025)

Watch and listen

In case you missed it.

Grand Tours of Scotland's Rivers

In six programmes, Paul Murton explores five rivers from source to sea.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m0011hp7/grand-tours-of-scotlands-rivers>