

UK Rivers Network

UK Rivers Network: Weekly News Update – 23 June 2025

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News from the riverbanks

20 June 2025: [Surging abstraction pushes rivers to breaking point](#): The Guardian reports new research by Watershed Investigations showing a 76% rise in water taken from rivers and lakes for industrial or public consumption in just two decades.

20 June 2025: [Call for smart water meters and hosepipe bans](#): The Environment Agency has warned England alone will be short of 6 billion litres of water a day by 2050. Living in a warming world means using water more frugally, but when exactly do we plan to make a start?

19 June 2025: [Just three years to limit warming to 1.5°C](#): How likely is it that we'll meet the latest global warming deadline?

19 June 2025: [Water firm fines will be reinvested in pollution busting after all](#): The government has apparently listened to calls for sewage spill fines to be used for cleaning up waterways.

19 June 2025: [Urban Europeans embrace wild swimming](#): The Guardian reports on the popularity of wild swimming in Paris, Oslo, Amsterdam, and Copenhagen.

18 June 2025: [Hampshire campaigners want river rights](#): Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust has joined forces with Winchester city campaigners to call for more legal rights for rivers like the Itchen and Test.

18 June 2025: [Berliners on a swimming Spree](#): Fed up with a century-long ban, urban Berliners are keen to reclaim their River Spree for wild swimming.

18 June 2025: [River Action celebrates legal victory over polluting farms](#): Founder Charles Watson reports on the group's ongoing efforts to tackle polluting poultry units.

17 June 2025: [BGS research highlights pesticide risks to aquatic life](#): New research from the British Geological Survey reveals that modern pesticides used in agriculture (such as propiconazole) and veterinary medicines (such as fipronil) have been found for the first time in English rivers. Their findings are

based on studies of the River Tone in Somerset and the River Wensum in Norfolk.

15 June 2025: [Plant joins Bewdley pollution busters](#): Rock star Robert Plant was among protesters drawing attention to pollution in the River Severn this week.

15 June 2025: [Are Lancashire's rivers the most polluted in England?](#): Lancashire Wildlife Trust declared the Irwell and the River Darwen two of the worst sewage dumping grounds in England. Has anything changed?

15 June 2025: [New website for managing nutrient load in Wales](#): A new website has been launched to showcase how a collection of organisations in West Wales are working together to restore the health of its rivers—and how people across the region can get involved.

12 June 2025: [River research reveals forever chemicals](#): Alarming new findings show "forever chemicals" (ones that don't break down) in all but one of the UK's rivers.

12 June 2025: [Let's buy Ocean Lake!](#): The Harold Dean Charity has begun a new campaign, 'More than a Drop in the Ocean', to secure the future of Ocean Lake in East Anglia.

12 June 2025: [Studying atmospheric rivers from space with NASA](#): NASA's Atmospheric Rivers website explains how its Earth-observing satellites can help scientists identify atmospheric rivers (elongated corridors of concentrated moisture transport that occur in the lower atmosphere), which enables studies of climate change, water management, and weather.

Jobs and other opportunities

The closing dates for jobs are in brackets.

Jobs

- [River Waveney Trust: Catchment and Farming Officer](#) (6 July 2025)
- [Wild Oxfordshire: Evenlode Catchment Partnership Project Officer](#) (6 July 2025)
- [River Lark Catchment Partnership: Catchment Officer](#) (4 July 2025)
- [Wessex Rivers Trust: Catchment Partnership Officer](#) (4 July 2025)
- [Forth Rivers Trust: Ecologist](#) (4 July 2025)
- [River Lark Catchment Partnership: Catchment Officer](#) (4 July 2025)
- [Chilterns National Landscape: Citizen Science Coordinator \(Chalk Streams\)](#) (30 June 2025)
- [Thames21: Health and Safety Manager](#) (27 June 2025)
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- [Environment Agency: Environmental Planning - Bathing Waters Senior Officer](#) (23 June 2025)

Trustees and other voluntary posts

- [Trustees: Sussex Wildlife Trust](#) (20 June 2025)

Campaign of the week

Ending dirty dairy: According to River Action: “Dairy farms are responsible for more than 75% of serious pollution incidents in agriculture, which is already the leading source of river pollution” – and that’s because they flout environmental regulations”. And supermarkets obsessed with cheap, low-quality food, are a very big part of the problem.

<https://riveractionuk.com/campaign/the-dairy-campaign/>



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