

UK Rivers Network

UK Rivers Network: Weekly News Update –30 June 2025

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River news

June 2025

29 June 2025: [Celebrating Trout in the Town in Keighley](#): This year's Trout in the Town Conclave (a national event, beginning on Wednesday 1 July), organized by the River Worth Friends, celebrates urban rivers with talks, walks, and workshops.

29 June 2025: [Salmon farm activists intimidated by spying](#): Another tale of intrusive surveillance being used to bully eco activists.

29 June 2025: [Sewage spills are blighting British shellfish](#): The I reports on how sewage pollution is causing a major economic headache for producers of oysters and mussels.

29 June 2025: [Forgetting the world in a Canadian canoe](#): Rivers help us forget the everyday drudgery of the world, as one FT journalist found out on a 12-day canoeing vacation in Manitoba.

28 June 2025: [River Severn sinking under sewage](#): Worcester News reports on an illuminating, four-year water-quality project by angler Glyn Marshall.

28 June 2025: [Killing the great shark myth](#): On the 50th anniversary of Jaws, James Ashworth explains why the iconic film got so much wrong about the fish we so wrongly love to fear.

28 June 2025: [Urban junk is blighting the Bliss](#): In Trowbridge, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust is battling a rash of shopping trolleys, traffic signs, and other junk in the River Bliss.

27 June 2025: [Pakistan must protect rivers with more sustainable energy](#): Ubaid Sahil explores how community-powered renewables can provide energy with less environmental impact on people, rivers and ecosystems.

24 June 2025: [Environment Agency shines spotlight on swimming through sewage](#): Swimmers should check water quality before taking the plunge, according to the Environment Agency.

24 June 2025: [River pollution suffocating the sea, campaigners say](#): Why most Welsh rivers are failing water quality targets due to nutrient pollution from farms.

23 June 2025: [Solar canoes help to power a cleaner Amazon](#): The New York Times reports on Indigenous people in the Ecuadorean Amazon who are switching from diesel to solar power.

23 June 2025: [Beaver activists court controversy with unofficial releases](#): The BBC interviews supporters and opponents of direct action to reintroduce beavers ahead of the official reintroduction programme.

23 June 2025: [Helping Southampton salmon reach the sea](#): A new project is exploring ways to improve salmon passage along the lower River Itchen.

22 June 2025: [How your old clothes are wrecking rivers... in Ghana](#): Sadly, offshoring pollution is still a thing. Greenpeace explores how waste clothes exported from the west are clogging up areas like the Densu river wetlands in Ghana.

19 June 2025: [Why we can't afford to lose the last high-quality freshwaters](#): Prioritizing the most wildlife-rich, unpolluted habitats is the key to reversing the decline in freshwater biodiversity, argues the Freshwater Habitats Trust.

Jobs and other opportunities

The closing dates for jobs are in brackets.

Jobs

- [Groundwork: Rivers Technical Specialist \(Colne Valley Park Visitor Centre\)](#) (15 July 2025)
- [Wiltshire Wildlife Trust: Water Project Officer](#) (8 July 2025)
- [Avon Wildlife Trust: Nature Recovery Officer \(Maternity cover\)](#) (8 July 2025)
- [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)

Trustees and other voluntary posts

- [Green Seas Trust: Social Media volunteers](#) (17 July 2025)

Book of the week

There's much the UK can learn from the river protection community in North America – groups like Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, which began its mission to keep an eye on the Chattahoochee River and its associated waterways back in 1994. With that in mind, this week's book choice – a great little read I came upon a couple of years ago – is Sally Sierer Bethea's *Keeping the Chattahoochee: Reviving and Defending a Great Southern River* (University of Georgia Press, 2023/2025). It's 20 years of tales describing how Bethea and her colleagues held polluters to account.

<https://ugapress.org/book/9780820374512/keeping-the-chattahoochee/>

