

UK Rivers Network

UK Rivers Network: Weekly News Update –14 July 2025

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River news

July 2025

12 July 2025: [Floods Are Inevitable. Catastrophe Is Not.](#): Building on floodplains is just as much a concern in the United States, as this op-ed piece in The New York Times, published in the wake of catastrophic Texas floods, makes clear.

12 July 2025: [How can we stop plastic from wrecking the oceans?](#): Over at Surfers Against Sewage, Ruby Free explores the causes and effects of plastic pollution and what we can do about it.

12 July 2025: [South East rivers caught in a pollution perfect storm](#): Lack of rainfall is increasing the concentration of pollutants in southern rivers to dangerous levels, according to The Angling Trust.

12 July 2025: [Can London's rivers be swimmable within 10 years?](#): A BBC article from earlier this year explores how likely it is that wild swimmers will be taking to rivers like the Roding, a tributary of the Thames, anytime soon.

12 July 2025: [Experts call for hosepipe bans as reservoir levels plunge](#): It's time to take action, as reservoirs plunge to their lowest level in a decade, say hydrologists, farmers, and others.

11 July 2025: [What's the forever chemical TFA doing in the UK's rivers?](#): Daniel Drage from the University of Birmingham looks at the risks posed by a persistent chemical called trifluoroacetic acid (TFA).

11 July 2025: [Rivers choose their path based on erosion, a discovery that could transform flood planning and restoration](#): Harrison Tasoff from UC Santa Barbara explains how geographers at the university recently mapped the thread dynamics along 84 rivers with 36 years of global satellite imagery... and what we can learn from the results.

10 July 2025: [How the "filthy" River Emscher came back to life](#): The Guardian describes how one of the dirtiest rivers in Europe came back from the dead.

10 July 2025: [How gardeners can help rivers](#): The Belfast News explores handy tips from the River Trust.

10 July 2025: [Blue-green algae threatens Lough Neagh](#): Over in Northern Ireland, concerns mount over algal blooms. [Paid article.]

3 July 2025: [New ponds bring rare plants back to Northamptonshire farmland](#): Northamptonshire farmers have given local wildlife a major boost, by creating new ponds around Pitsford reservoir. Local landowners worked with Freshwater Habitats Trust, Anglian Water and the Environment Agency on the initiative, which has increased the number of wetland plant species across the whole landscape by nearly a quarter and more than doubled the number of uncommon plant species in just two years.

3 July 2025: [Buglife fight against Tilbury 3](#): The invertebrates' best friends, Buglife, are stepping up their campaign against expansion of Tilbury docks, which they say is "home to nearly 1,200 species of invertebrate, including an incredible 185 of conservation concern".

Jobs and other opportunities

The closing dates for jobs are in brackets.

Jobs

- [South East Rivers Trust: Volunteering and Engagement Officer](#) (28 July 2025)
- [South East Rivers Trust: Chalk Streams in the City Development Lead](#) (28 July 2025)
- [Solway Firth Partnership: Partnership Manager](#) (28 July 2025)
- [Surrey Wildlife Trust: Nature Restoration Trainee](#) (20 July 2025)
- [Groundwork: Rivers Technical Specialist \(Colne Valley Park Visitor Centre\)](#) (15 July 2025)
- [Cairngorms National Park Authority: River Dee Catchment Project](#): (14 July 2025)
- [Wiltshire Wildlife Trust: Water Project Officer](#) (8 July 2025)
- [Avon Wildlife Trust: Nature Recovery Officer \(Maternity cover\)](#) (8 July 2025)

Trustees and other voluntary posts

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

River of the Week

A reminder of what our reservoirs ought to look like in July. This is Woodhead Reservoir in July 2018. You can see what it looks like now in *The Guardian* article linked up above.



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