

UK Rivers Network

UK Rivers Network: Weekly News Update –18/8/25

River news

August 2025

- ➔ 7 August 2025: [How is England running out of water?](#): The Guardian has an interactive feature explaining where our water's gone (and going to go).
- ➔ 16 August 2025: [Welsh fish are cooking in the heat](#): More hot weather concerns in Wales where rivers are becoming "too hot for fish".
- ➔ 16 August 2025: [River Tas meanders make a comeback](#): The rewigging trend (unstraightening rivers by restoring natural meanders) continues in Norfolk with news that the Environment Agency plans to restore the River Tas in Forncett St Peter.
- ➔ 16 August 2025: [River Cam feels the pressure](#): Lib-Dem leader Sir Ed Davey has been visiting Cambridge to draw attention to the river's growing problems.
- ➔ 15 August 2025: [Scottish river levels are critical](#): The River Don and the Firth of Tay are among areas of Scotland causing grave concern.
- ➔ 15 August 2025: [Coming soon: CPRE's second countryside day](#): September 6 marks the second annual celebration of all things country from rural champions CPRE.
- ➔ 15 August 2025: [Abingdon reservoir bill triples to £7.5 billion](#): Virtually bust Thames Water has revealed extensively revised plans for the proposed Abingdon Reservoir that could cost three times more than its previous guesstimate.
- ➔ 14 August 2025: [Celebrating water crowfoot in Ireland](#): The Guardian's Mary Montague considers the virtues of *R. fluitans*, the water crowfoot, related to buttercups, found only in Six Mile Water river, County Antrim.
- ➔ 12 August 2025: [Five areas remain in drought with six more in prolonged dry weather](#): As the National Drought Group meets once again, there is still drought in Yorkshire, Cumbria and Lancashire, Greater Manchester

Merseyside and Cheshire, East Midlands, and the West Midlands; while areas in prolonged dry weather (close to drought) are Northeast, Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire, East Anglia, Thames, Wessex, Solent and South Downs.

- ➔ 12 August 2025: [What's the connection between water sports and ocean conservation?](#): Surfers Against Sewage look in much more detail at why water users are more likely to protect the places they surf, swim, and paddle in.
- ➔ 11 August 2025: [UN plastic treaty talks ends in failure](#): Plastic producers and petroleum companies will be popping champagne corks this week with news that years of negotiations to tackle the global plastic crisis have ended in no agreement.
- ➔ 11 August 2025: [Pick of the best British boat trips](#): The I pulls together a selection of 30 river, lake, and coastal boat trips.
- ➔ 11 August 2025: [Port of London Authority tackles Wet Wipe Island](#): A vile pile of wet wipes near Hammersmith Bridge, equivalent to the weight of 15 double decker London buses, is set for a busting by PLA excavators.
- ➔ 11 August 2025: [Controversial Oxford bridge sees multi-million pound budget boost](#): Oxford councillors have voted to throw more money behind the proposed Oxpens River Bridge, but local campaigners are concerned about flood risk and damage to woodland.

Jobs and other opportunities

The closing dates for jobs are in brackets.

Jobs

- ➔ [Bristol Avon Rivers Trust \(BART\): Project Manager - Catchment Restoration](#) (5 September 2025)
- ➔ [Afonydd Cymru: Programme Lead for Wales](#) (31 August 2025)
- ➔ [Lune Rivers Trust: School Engagement and Catchment Partnership Officer](#) (31 August 2025)
- ➔ [Cotswolds Rivers Trust: Project Officer](#) (29 August 2025)
- ➔ [Eden Rivers Trust: Conservation Assistant: e-DNA and Species](#) (28 August 2025)
- ➔ [Worcestershire Wildlife Trust: Senior Wilder Schools Officer](#) (26 August 2025)
- ➔ [Devon County Council: Development Ranger \(Rivers Run Through Us\)](#) (26 August 2025)

- [Trent Rivers Trust: Landscape Recovery Manager](#) (26 August 2025)
- [Marine Conservation Society: Programme Manager - Sustainable Seafood](#) (24 August 2025)
- [Essex and Suffolk Rivers Trust: Bluespaces Delivery Manager](#) (24 August 2025)
- [Westcountry Rivers Trust: Evidence and Engagement Officers](#) (24 August 2025)
- [Newmarket Chalk Streams Trust: Rivers of Light Project Officer](#) (23 August 2025)
- [Tyne Rivers Trust: Catchment Habitats Advisor](#) (22 August 2025)
- [Trent Rivers Trust: Two Fisheries Trainees](#) (26 August 2025)
- [Western Sussex Rivers Trust: Catchment Partnership Project Delivery Manager](#) (18 August 2025)
- [Welsh Dee Trust: Project Officer](#) (18 August 2025)
- [South East Rivers Trust: Programme Manager](#) (17 August 2025)
- [Gwent Wildlife Trust: Senior River Restoration Officer](#) (17 August 2025)

River of the week



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