

UK Rivers Network

UK Rivers Network: Weekly News Update –22/9/25

River news

September 2025

- ➔ **19 September 2025: [Join the Big River Watch 19-25 September](#): Do your bit for citizen science: watch your local river as part of the Rivers Trust's free and easy Big River Watch project!**
- ➔ 19 September 2025: [High Seas Treaty becomes law](#): A major new piece of international environmental law is set to kick into action in January 2026 now it's been ratified by 60 nations.
- ➔ 19 September 2025: [Cotswold MP joins call for cleaner rivers](#): Dr Roz Savage, MP for South Cotswolds, took part in a citizen science water project recently, as part of local efforts to monitor pollution and protect wildlife along the Thames.
- ➔ 19 September 2025: [Uncovering London's secret River Westbourne](#): Katie Forge explores one of London's fascinating secret rivers, hidden deep beneath Sloane Square station.
- ➔ 19 September 2025: [The long, slow collapse of the River Cam](#): Calls for help from Cambridge where algae-choked punts tell a sad story of "sewage pollution, over-abstraction, and inaction".
- ➔ 19 September 2025: [How I tracked the biggest hidden sources of forever chemical pollution in UK rivers](#): Patrick Byrne of Liverpool John Moores University explains how his team developed a new method to track and prioritise the largest sources for clean-up, giving regulators a clearer picture of where to act first.
- ➔ 19 September 2025: [London needs ten new wild swimming spots](#): A new report champions urban swimming in the very heart of London.
- ➔ 19 September 2025: [Innovative wireless river monitoring projects scoop tech award](#): A series of clever monitoring projects, launched by the River Severn Partnership, have won a "Best New Initiative in the Water Sector"

award at the Water, Wastewater and Environmental Monitoring Expo (WWEM), held at the NEC Birmingham this week.

- ➔ 18 September 2025: [Protecting the Ribble River with Darwen RiverBlitz](#): Volunteers led by the Ribble Rivers Trust will be checking their Lancashire river's health and ecological status this weekend.
- ➔ 18 September 2025: [Ellie Chowns, MP wins Rivers and Seas prize for River Wye work](#): Green MP Ellie Chowns has been awarded the Rivers and Seas prize at this year's Political Purpose Awards for her work protecting the River Wye.
- ➔ 18 September 2025: [Cumbrian rivers project narrowly misses global environmental prize](#): Cumbrian River Restoration Partnership Programme has narrowly missed out on the prestigious Thiess International Riverprize Awards. The transformative programme has restored over 100 kilometres of watercourses and reconnected 100's of hectares of floodplain across the Eden, Derwent and Kent catchments.
- ➔ 17 September 2025: [Revealed: river pollution twice as bad inside national parks as outside them](#): A report by the Campaign for National Parks (CNP) and The Rivers Trust has found shocking levels of sewage inside some of the country's most protected landscapes.
- ➔ 17 September 2025: [Wild swimming on World Rivers Day](#): A look at how "millions" (really?) are reconnecting with rivers through wild freshwater swimming.
- ➔ 17 September 2025: [Nearly half of Exmoor's rivers are below good ecological standards new report reveals](#): According to the new CNP/Rivers Trust report, Exmoor is one of many national parks failing the standards we expect of our most protected places.
- ➔ 15 September 2025: [60% of world rivers had too much or too little water in 2024](#): More bad news for rivers. The World Meteorological Organization's latest report notes that "2024 is the 6th year in a row showing an erratic hydrological cycle."
- ➔ 15 September 2025: [Small rivers and streams could lose out to Agency cuts](#): The Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA) is "very worried" by an Environment Agency (EA) plan to stop maintaining small rivers and streams, which, it argues, could worsen flooding.
- ➔ 15 September 2025: [Save our Swale applies for bathing water status](#): The River Swale could become a designated bathing water if local campaigners in Richmond, North Yorkshire, get their way.

- ➔ 15 September 2025: [It might be raining, but we're still in drought](#): The National Drought Group has warned that the current drought is far from over despite the recent rain. Even with the wet weather at the end of the month, August's rainfall was just 42% of its long-term average and the summer has been declared the hottest since records began in 1884. Five areas remain in drought, with more areas likely to declare drought status within the next few weeks, as groundwater and reservoir levels across England continue to recede.
- ➔ 15 September 2025: [Sheffield gets a new river!](#): The River Sheaf, hidden underground for over 100 years, is set to be uncovered in a new development and public park next year.
- ➔ 15 September 2025: [Chesham weir revival key to trout revival](#): Plans for a new fish pass at Lord's Mill on the River Chess could see the return of trout, absent from the upstream section of the river for nearly three decades.
- ➔ 15 September 2025: [Bristol radically reimagines rivers](#): A look at some of the people and projects making new (old) links with rivers by delving back into folklore, storytelling, and other age-old ways of connecting with nature

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Jobs and other opportunities

The closing dates for jobs are in brackets.

Jobs

- ➔ [Senior Project Officer - Urban Water Quality: Ouse and Adur Rivers Trust](#) (15 October 2025)
- ➔ [Junior Catchment Restoration Officers x3: Severn Rivers Trust](#) (12 October 2025)
- ➔ [Environment and Farming Advisor: Trent Rivers Trust](#) (8 October 2025)
- ➔ [River Chelmer Projects Manager: Essex and Suffolk Rivers Trust](#) (5 October 2025)
- ➔ [Rivers Project Officer: Groundwork South](#) (2 October 2025)
- ➔ [Evenlode Catchment Partnership Project Manager: Wild Oxfordshire](#): (30 September 2025)
- ➔ [Legal Coordinator: River Action](#) (30 September 2025)
- ➔ [Lawyer: WildFish](#) (30 September 2025)
- ➔ [Learning and Engagement Manager: South East Rivers Trust](#) (28 September 2025)

- [Development Ranger \(Rivers Run Through Us\): Devon County Council](#) (25 September 2025)
- [Finance Director: The Rivers Trust](#) (24 September 2025)
- [Senior Woodland Officer: Ribble Rivers Trust](#) (22 September 2025)
- [Project Officer/Senior Project Officer: South East Rivers Trust](#) (21 September 2025)
- [Wetland Arc Project Officer: The Parks Trust](#) (21 September 2025)
- [Project Officer: South Yorkshire: Waterlife Recovery Trust:](#) (19 September 2025)
- [Part-time Project Officer: South Wales Waterlife Recovery Trust](#) (19 September 2025)

River of the week



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