

UK Rivers Network

UK Rivers Network: Weekly News Update –29/9/25

River news

September 2025

- ➔ 27 September 2025: [Where your water bill actually goes — as water companies pay billions in dividends](#): Another revealing piece from Lucy Heath and the i's Save Our Rivers campaign: "Over a quarter of the average water bill in England is being spent on [water company] debt and dividends".
- ➔ 26 September 2025: [New festival celebrates the River Tweed](#): A look at October's exciting new Tweed River Festival, where it will be held over the next three years, and why.
- ➔ 26 September 2025: [Bristol river pollution revealed in the RiverBlitz](#): This year's RiverBlitz campaign, by the Bristol Avon Rivers Trust, reveals concerning pollution levels in the River Frome at Downend and Frenchay.
- ➔ 26 September 2025: [Dam Removal Day is on 8 October 2025!](#): More correctly "river unblocking day", this event celebrates efforts to free rivers from dams of all shapes and sizes (even very tiny ones). Dam Removal Europe, organizing the event, consists of WWF, The Rivers Trust, The Nature Conservancy, the European Rivers Network, Rewilding Europe, and Wetlands International.
- ➔ 26 September 2025: [Otters spotted on the Cam](#): After all the bleak news from Cambridge recently, a chance to get involved in putting things right... and a timely sighting of an otter at Logan's Meadow Local Nature Reserve.
- ➔ 26 September 2025: [Why rivers are crucial to the Amazon's tipping point](#): The Amazon's tipping-point transition from rainforest to savanna will have much to do with atmospheric "flying rivers", according to Monitoring of the Andes Amazon Project (MAAP).

- ➔ 26 September 2025: [Rivers at Risk: a call to protect national park freshwaters](#): A timely report led by the Campaign for National Parks in partnership with the Rivers Trust underlines why we need to protect the best remaining freshwaters, says Freshwater Habitats Trust Technical Director Dr Naomi Ewald.
- ➔ 26 September 2025: [Wildlife Trusts: New report shows UK nature bearing brunt of chaotic climate](#): The Wildlife Trusts publish their new assessment of the effects of climate change on nature across the UK. The report, Resilient Nature, shows how much-loved species and habitats are faring across The Wildlife Trusts' 2,600 nature reserves in response to the changing climate and extreme weather over the past year.
- ➔ 25 September 2025: [Rivers are heating up faster than the air: that's a problem for aquatic life and people](#): Li Li, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Penn State University, explains why climate change is heating freshwaters faster than the air: "Riverine heat waves – periods of abnormally high water temperatures in rivers – are becoming more common, more intense and longer-lasting than they were 40 years ago. Their frequency, intensity and duration are also increasing at rates more than twice as fast as heat waves in the atmosphere".
- ➔ 25 September 2025: [Wales water summit drives solutions](#): This week, the Welsh Deputy First Minister will outline how government, farmers, water companies and environmental groups must work together to clean up Wales' rivers and coastal waters.
- ➔ 24 September 2025: [Shaping a water resilient world, with water security for all](#): The UN's Inger Andersen reminds us why a focus on the world's water resources is more timely than ever.
- ➔ 24 September 2025: [Is the Vistula drying up? It's more complicated than that...](#): Over in Poland, the Vistula isn't drying up, but does face complex, interconnected environmental threats.
- ➔ 24 September 2025: [New mural celebrates Sheffield rivers](#): A "Rivers and Hills" mural in Sheffield celebrates the city's five rivers and hilly landscape.
- ➔ 24 September 2025: [River Skerne disappears under mysterious "snow" foam](#): A mystery pollution incident in Darlington is under investigation by the Environment Agency this week.
- ➔ 24 September 2025: [Norfolk Broads rivers drowning in sewage, new report warns](#): Over 90% of rivers in the Norfolk Broads are in failing health, according to the CNP report released a couple of weeks ago.

- ➔ 23 September 2025: [Labour wants to save water to build homes to waste water](#): Lack of joined-up sustainability has been a hallmark of the Labour government's "environmental policies" from the start; and there's no real mention of the urgent necessity to use water wisely in the long term in the latest news release from Environment Secretary Emma Reynolds.
- ➔ 23 September 2025: [Greenpeace celebrates Global Ocean Treaty](#): The world's new ocean law is a big win; Greenpeace's Ariana Densham explains why this victory for 15 years of campaigning really matters.
- ➔ 21 September 2025: [Water voles are back in the River Lea](#): Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust have returned 100 water voles to the Upper River Lea, Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire this week.
- ➔ 21 September 2025: [Assembly: London needs target for swimmable rivers](#): Plans to make rivers clean enough for wild swimming need clear targets, say the Environment Committee of the London Assembly.
- ➔ 20 September 2025: [Learning from Sarawak's SAVE Rivers](#): Friends of the Earth has an enlightening guest essay from Celine Lim, managing director of SAVE Rivers, who explains how indigenous peoples are protecting their land and our planet.
- ➔ [More news from earlier in 2025 on our website...](#)

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)
- ➔ [Exe Catchment Fisheries Officer: Westcountry Rivers Trust](#) (12 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)
- ➔ [Deputy Director of Communications: The Rivers Trust](#) (6 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)

River of the week



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