

# UK Rivers Network

## UK Rivers Network: Weekly News Update –10/11/25

### November 2025

- ➔ 6 November 2025: [Footpath 47: A natural and social sanctuary under threat](#): From Thames21: "In a small corner of East London, the Barking riverside offers one of the city's quieter, wilder spots. Footpath 47, a public right of way, is home to wildflowers, grassland and saltmarshes. Its birdlife consists of avocets, skylarks, reed buntings and linnets amongst many others. As a sanctuary to wildlife, the river space offers Barking residents a rare connection to nature. However, the space could potentially be under threat from one of London's largest development project plans that promises 20,000 new homes in the borough".
- ➔ 5 November 2025: [The Rubbish Raft: An adventure into Manchester's polluted waterways](#): Adventure filmmaker and presenter Raphael Holt sets out on an ambitious journey to raise awareness of the issues facing Manchester's waterways by building a raft from rubbish collected along the riverbanks and sailing it across the city. In this first blog for The Rivers Trust, he sets out his plans and shares his motivations.
- ➔ 5 November 2025: [Concerns over Cuckmere Valley plans](#): National Trust plans to flood part of the Cuckmere Valley, which leads to the Seven Sisters, have raised concerns about upstream impacts.
- ➔ 5 November 2025: [Thames River Trust seeks a new trustee](#): Thames Rivers Trust (TRT) "is seeking a new Trustee to put forward new perspectives, increase our Trustee Board's diversity and skillsets, strengthening TRT for a resilient future. This voluntary role is open to all qualifying individuals, including those with no previous Board or Trustee experience".
- ➔ 5 November 2025: [How a 'forgotten' river shaped Nottingham](#): Dr Rachel Dishington and Dr David Beckingham from the University of Nottingham have a new exhibition all about the history of Nottingham's River Leen.
- ➔ 5 November 2025: [Rewilding European rivers](#): Healthy, living rivers sustain people and nature. By removing dams, reflooding wetlands, reversing

channelisation, and releasing wildlife, Rewilding Europe and its partners are revitalising rivers in rewilding landscapes across the continent.

- ➔ 4 November 2025: [Citizen science on the River Teme](#): When the River Teme collaboration began, the question was simple: could citizen science generate water quality evidence that regulators and river users could trust? Together, Severn Rivers Trust, Severn Trent Water, the Environment Agency and local volunteers set out to find the answer.
- ➔ 4 November 2025: [What could Special Administration mean for water companies?](#): Surfers Against Sewage explores what might happen if and when water companies fail.
- ➔ 4 November 2025: [Surfers wrongfooted by vanishing Eisbach wave](#): A famous standing wave in Munich, similar to the Severn bore, has mysteriously disappeared after upstream maintenance.
- ➔ 4 November 2025: [Citizen scientists test Stroud pollution](#): Volunteers from The Stroud Valleys Project (SVP) have been out and about testing for nitrate and phosphate pollution.
- ➔ 1 November 2025: [Weekly sewage spills blight Windermere](#): In The I Paper, Lucy Heath reveals the pollution blighting Windermere... and the Environment Agency's patchy record on taking action.
- ➔ 1 November 2025: [River Cam restoration raises questions about Water Restoration Fund](#): In a recent comment piece, the Cam Valley Forum welcomes the "Collaborative Restoration Plan for the Cam", but argues that the government's Water Restoration Fund is just a drop in the ocean (river) of what's really needed and a fraction of what was promised in return for water company fines.
- ➔ 1 November 2025: ["Right to roam rivers" protests begin](#): Various mass-trespass protests are happening this month to highlight calls for better access to riverbanks.
- ➔ 1 November 2025: [How fish adapt to autumn](#): Dr Janina Gray of WildFish explains how fish adjust their behaviour alongside the changing seasons.
- ➔ 1 November 2025: [New river path for Kendal?](#): Westmorland and Furness Council is behind the plans for the path in Kendal, Cumbria, which aims to give people more opportunities to move around the town without using cars.
- ➔ 1 November 2025: [Harold Hill river cleanup begins](#): Havering Council has joined forces with volunteers from Thames Chase Trust to clean up a river in Harold Hill as part of its flagship "Where We Live" campaign. The aim

was to clear the rubbish that people dump in the river and carry out a litter pick around the river banks.

- ➔ 1 November 2025: [Canals and rivers lack climate change funds](#): Three-quarters of the country's waterways face financial peril, according to the Inland Waterways Association (IWA), an independent charity advocating for Britain's canals and rivers, as the country braces for heavier winter rainfall and intensifying summer droughts.
- ➔ 22 October 2025: [British fish records: How the UK's biggest fishes are found](#): James Ashworth explains how Natural History Museum scientists verify big fish and how they use record breakers to better understand life in the UK's waters.
- ➔ 21 October 2025: [Inside the Credit War for Control of Thames Water](#): Philip Greenwood of Waterways Protection explains why the Thames Water crisis is a sign of a much deeper and more systemic problem: so-called "water" companies are really just investment vehicles.
- ➔ 26 September 2025: [Reclaiming the River Stour](#): River campaigners say the River Stour has become so choked with excess reed and tree growth that in places it represents a danger to canoeists and other river users. The River Stour Trust and Sudbury Canoe Club are launching a new joint campaign to restore the waterway..

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## Jobs and other opportunities

The closing dates for jobs are in brackets.

### Jobs

- ➔ [Assistant Warden: WWT Welney, Norfolk](#) (26 November 2025)
- ➔ [Director, Central Team: Freshwater Habitats Trust](#) (21 November 2025)
- ➔ [Biodiversity Action Officer: South West Water](#) (18 November 2025)
- ➔ [Farm and Water Advisors: Wiltshire Wildlife Trust / Wessex Rivers Trust](#) (17 November 2025)
- ➔ [River Conservation Officer: Belfast Hills Partnership](#) (17 November 2025)
- ➔ [Project Officer \(North\), Foss and Esk catchments: Yorkshire Wildlife Trust](#) (16 November 2025)
- ➔ [Project Manager, Roding Rises: Thames21](#) (16 November 2025)
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- ➔ [Project Officer - Barriers and Biodiversity: East Yorkshire Rivers Trust](#) (14 November 2025)

- [Tyne Catchment Officer: Tyne Rivers Trust](#) (14 November 2025)
- [Ecologist: Canal and River Trust](#) (14 November 2025)
- [Conservation Officer - Guardians of our Rivers: Next Steps: Buglife](#) (10 November 2025)
- [Senior Project Officer: River Waveney Trust](#) (9 November 2025)
- [Eel Restoration Project Officer: Galloway Fisheries Trust](#) (7 November 2025)
- [Marine and Freshwater Project Coordinator: North Wales Rivers Trust](#) (6 November 2025)

## Trustees and other voluntary posts

- [Environment Trustee: Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust](#) (30 November 2025)

## River of the week



**The River Cam at Jesus Green**, Cambridge – hopefully soon to be turned around with help from the “Collaborative Restoration Plan for the Cam”. Photo by [M J Richardson](#) originally published on [Geograph](#) under a [Creative Commons \(CC-BY-2.0\)](#) licence.

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