

BLADINGTON

We want our precious rivers back and are working hard to restore them

An Evenlode Catchment Partnership Project

The Bledington Natural Flood Management (NFM) project, conducted by Wild Oxfordshire and supported by funding from the Environment Agency (EA) was undertaken with the primary aim of mitigating flood risk within the Bledington village area.



10,000m³ of water held back after storm Bert!

Why it's important



NFM involves using landscape features and leaky woody dams to temporarily store water in times of heavy rainfall. Using the natural topography in wet corners of fields, low soil banks are constructed to temporarily hold back water. These constructions are called bunds.

The previous year we constructed four small bunds. This year we were able to construct a further two large bunds for temporary water storage and associated leaky woody dams to slow the flow. This NFM scheme controls water flow downstream by holding water upstream. This lowers the risk of flooding as the peak flow of water entering the river is lowered and delayed during rainfall events.



Project highlights



8 leaky woody dams created



10,000 m³ water temporarily stored



used as a national example for NFM

Restoring the Evenlode Catchment for People & Wildlife



THE EVENLODE CATCHMENT PARTNERSHIP

Funding urgently needed

Since 2014, the Evenlode Catchment Partnership (ECP) has been dedicated to improving water quality and flood management, enriching biodiversity, fostering greater community engagement with our rivers and increasing climate resilience across the Evenlode catchment area.



“Our rivers deserve to be saved”
Chloe, age 12

Why it's important



Much of our incredible work has been funded by Thames Water. However, Thames Water have failed to deliver the promised upgrades to their sewage treatment works. Due to the serious harm from sewage pollution to our rivers and wider catchment, we have made the moral decision to not accept any more funding from them beyond March 2025.

The ECP now desperately needs your support. We have made great strides, but we need your help to continue. By donating, fundraising or volunteering, you can help us restore and protect our precious river environment for generations to come. Join us in saving our water habitats.



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