

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Sharing the love and knowledge of river environments

An Evenlode Catchment Partnership Project

Small groups of young volunteers completing their volunteering section of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards (DofE) were invited to participate in conservation activities at various habitats across the Evenlode catchment once a month on a Saturday morning.



Building outdoor confidence and skills

Why it's important



Dozens of local young people were introduced to a wide range of rural and conservation skills including: hedgelaying, tree grafting, bird box building, pond clearing, leaky dam building, and willow weaving.

In addition to practical activities, the participants also completed topical homework research projects. Their work not only helped improve the local environment, it also provided them with important life skills and inspiration to pursue interests in this field. Several young people opted to continue volunteering with us after they completed the required number of sessions, whilst others became citizen scientists.



Project highlights



700+ volunteer hours



20 adults shared their time and expertise



26 young people awarded their DofE

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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