

Bradford Beck Bulletin 29.8.12

1. Bradford Beck - Catchment Plan - Special Interest Groups/Institutional Stakeholders Sept. 2012

The project is continuing its schedule of engagement and its next meeting will be on Tuesday 25th September. This will be the second congregation of the 'friends of'/ special interest groups and institutional stakeholders. This meeting will go over the 6 main themes, which emerged from the first consultation workshop on the 19th of July. These themes were for the Bradford Beck and its tributaries i.e. Clayton Beck, Red Beck, Chellow Dene, Pitty Beck, Pinch Beck, Westbrook, Eastbrook and Trap Syke. The 6 visions for the management plan were for:

- (1) The Beck and its tributaries to be clean.
 - (2) The Beck and its tributaries to be visible.
 - (3) The Beck and its tributaries to be accessible.
 - (4) The Beck and its tributaries to be thriving.
 - (5) For Bradford to become a 'water-sensitive' city.
 - (6) The Beck and its tributaries to be cared for.
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2. Bradford Beck – Catchment Plan - Public Consultation Events Sept. 2012

We will be shortly announcing the next set of dates for the first round of public engagement events across the Bradford. These will be sessions considering the above 6 vision themes and are to be divided across the different geographical sections of the city. Tell your friends! These events will help to shape the way the Beck is managed in the future, and are a unique opportunity to help influence future policy for the bigger picture around the Beck and its smaller tributaries.

If you would like to book a place at one of these events please email michael.canning@aireriverstrust.org

3. Raw Sewage Spill in Beck located and fixed

On July 28th a raw sewage spill was observed falling into the Bradford Beck near Shipley. This was reported on the same day to the Environment Agency and the fault was repaired by Yorkshire Water. The spill was the result of a broken combined sewer overflow system (CSO). Congratulations to all involved in getting it fixed.

4. Beck litter pick event 3.8.12

On the 3rd of August the Bradford Beck Project in association with Bradford Environmental Education Services (BEES) conducted a clean-up around the Beck with 11 volunteers and 3 staff. A total of 45 bags of litter and flytipped material were collected. Some litter had to be dug out with a mattock as it had been there for so long that soil and debris had accumulated on top of it.

Later that day the BEE's team planted several plants on the patch of ground next to the Beck by the Culture Fusion Building on Thornton Road. Lavender, Verbena, Achillea and Marigold were planted to provide a useful nectar source for insects and seeds for birds as well as improving the area visually. The ART would like to thank all who took part in this work and Nick and Julia of BEES for their sterling assistance in facilitating the day and Nigel Cawthorne and his team at Bradford Council for helping with the removal and disposal of the rubbish.

4. Riverfly Workshop 29.9.12

On the 29th of September the ART will be hosting the specialist Riverfly training session, which looks at invertebrates in and around river systems. There are still two places available for this workshop. This high quality hydro-ecological training event is completely free of charge as part of the Bradford Beck project. If you would like to attend please email michael.canning@airerivertrust.org.

5. Production Company making film on litter picking seeking those who clean it up!

Landmark Films are making a film for the BBC about litter and the people who are passionate about it. It's described as being a positive film that celebrates people within the community who are making a difference - from the man who collects 1,000 cans from around his local area each month, to the woman who goes out tirelessly litter picking around her local estates every day. They would like to find someone from our area who is passionate about helping the community by either going out on regular litter picks or helping with the group collection. Do you know of anyone?

They are hoping that people will want to come forward as it's a great thing to do and shows that the people really care about their local area. At the moment they are purely at research stage, so there is absolutely no commitment from either end. They generally do a chat by phone first and then allow people to have a think about whether they want to be involved. This also gives the production company the opportunity to see whether it would work for them too.

For further details please call the Series Producer Lizzie Faulkner on 07766 532 149 as soon as possible.

6. New stream of funding to restore East Lancashire's rivers.

River campaigners have received £1.4million to help restore several pollution-hit waterways across East Lancashire and beyond, the Lancashire Telegraph can reveal. Three major projects, marshalled by the Ribble Rivers Conservation Trust, will benefit from the Environment Agency cash injection. And an array of native species, from otters to crayfish, kingfishers and merlins, should thrive thanks to improved habitats, through the Catchment Restoration Fund assistance.

http://www.lancashiretelegraph.co.uk/news/9862163.New_stream_of_funding_to_restore_East_Lancashire_s_rivers/
