

The River Crouch Conservation Trust Est. 2009

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View from The Bridge.

Our work party on the River Crouch on Sunday 17th April 2016 was a great success. The tide was out and the sun was shining, and at a meet time of 9am by the Memorial Gates, we had around 70 volunteers. Someone said to me there was some more coming, and on turning around, it looked as though the cavalry was arriving, it was the Wickford Cubs all in uniform, marching down the tarmac driveway. So we were just over 80 in all, thank you so much.

Well Trevor Faulkner lost count of the journeys with his truck. We filled the parks waste compound to the brim. When we finished the day, you could not even find a cigarette end or any litter throughout the length of the park. I brought down a large aluminium work boat and we cleared boat loads of more shopping trolleys and old bikes etc., especially from the Kingdom Hall stretch. The cubs, both the Wickford 1st and 4th Groups were a credit to the river clean up, forming a line of pullers on a 60' rope. At one time the rope slipped slightly and they fell slowly backwards with great mirth. Some were rather muddy!

They did a study of the river wildlife and a water vole was seen as well as ducks and Moorhens.

The river is now very clean and full of fish, large shoals of roach were seen plus Chubb and Perch.

Our job is nearly completed in the Memorial Park section. We will be concentrating on the lower bank sections, 3 Arches – Battlesbridge – Lower Reaches. We will mainly be collecting litter including thousands of plastic bottles.

Unfortunately, we still had to remove blocks of fat and rubbish from the storm drain by the Wickford High Street Bridge.

The next work party will be on the 25th September 2016 at the Park gates. Thank you everyone, especially the 1st and 4th Wickford cubs.

Yours sincerely,

Roy

