

The River Crouch Conservation Trust Est. 2009

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Friends of the river bank, I was rather sad that last Octobers work party was called off due to the river being in spate. I worry on two counts, 1 that we could lose momentum, as the more rubbish that we pull out of the river the happier we feel. Fortunately over the last five years we have cleared literally tons of rubbish, the section from the memorial park gates to nearly the 3 arches bridge is almost clear of rubbish, tyres, bikes you name it, and the fish life is returning with a vast rage of species. There will be more tyres etc. thrown into the crouch, but a quick sweep will clear them. I have scanned in one of my parish newsletters which were prompted towards the general public pointing out the bad river management and planning.

I would like some volunteers to help me do a survey of the river crouch say Sunday 9th March, to conduct a river survey from its source to the 3 arches bridge, taking photos, water samples, general condition and spend 10 mins fishing with a couple of rods on each crossing point. Perhaps do it on foot or with bikes, I have some 2 way radios it could be very interesting and enjoyable.

The 2 work party dates I have chosen are Sunday 20th April and October the 5th the dates work well with the tides. If any members have any ideas where we go from here and how they would like to see the future perhaps from a small committee, say perhaps publicity, and public relation, wardens of the river, project planning etc. please email me with your thoughts, perhaps ask the environmental agency to account where the 15K fine for polluting the river by angling water is or went. If there is any money left over, say a stock of life jackets, new shirts, a dedication chain saw, waders etc. would be good.

Perhaps a summer barbeque as we did not get together over Christmas.

Yours Very Sincerely

Roy