

Welcome!
Initial Meet of
'Queen Thorne Nature Watch'



• *Thursday 18th August 2022*

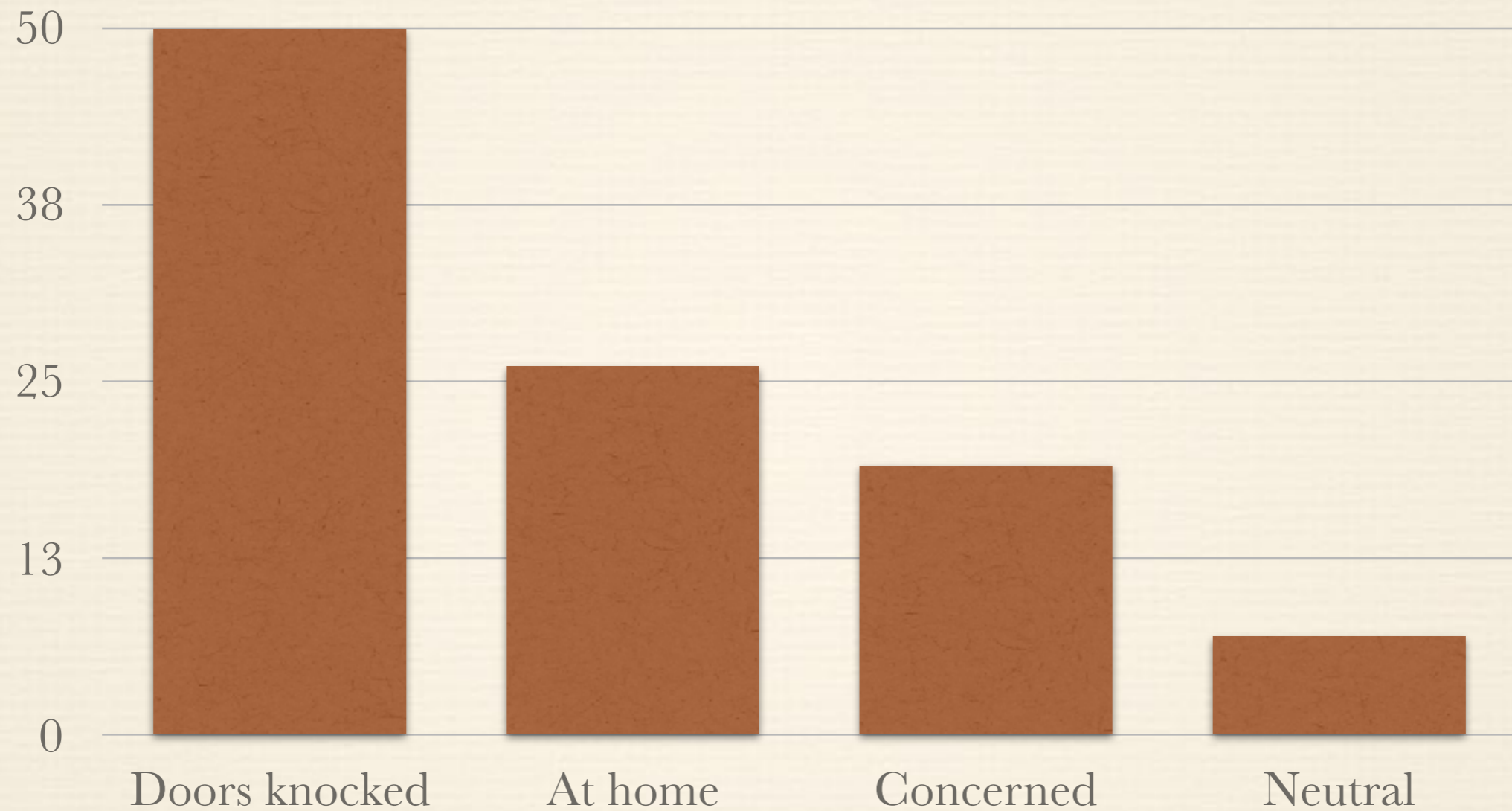
Introduction



Request for the Queen Thorne Parish Council to consider the following:

- Ensure that concerns about environmental impact are minuted as a record and that the omission of the previous reports is rectified by the inclusion of them in the current minutes .**
- Instigate a 'Nature Watch' sub-committee, the aim of which will be to protect and promote bio-diversity within the Queen Thorne parish.**
- Invest in water testing equipment to regularly and incidentally monitor water courses within the parish.**

Canvassing so far...





Lifelines Project: Char Valley

The **Lifelines Project** has been developed by a group of Char Valley residents: Owen and Suki Day, Ines Cavill and Jyoti Fernandes, with website, mapping and GIS support from John Blanchard. It is an independent community project.

[Visit the Lifelines website](#)

Char Valley Parish Council voted to endorse the Lifelines Project at its meeting on 20th July 2020.

In a nutshell, the **Lifelines Project** for the Char Valley starts with the insects - seeking to stop the decline in numbers locally and trying to encourage regenerative ways of managing that land so that insect populations - and the birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians that feed on them - can revive and flourish once again.

It identifies gardens, allotments, smallholdings, fields, farms, woodland, ponds and streams where no chemical pesticides are used, and records these (along with their old field/place names) on an interactive map. As residents report more land that they are managing without pesticides, their fields or gardens turn gold on the map of the valley, so everyone can see how the project is going. As the map turns gold, so the Char Valley starts to be restored to vibrant health.

Further Reading

[B-lines](#) - a plan for wildflower corridors around the UK

The use of pesticides in the UK must be at least halved... (A report and recommendations by the UK's Wildlife Trusts) [SB-B-lines Summary](#) - [B-Lines Full Report](#)

WildEast: a plan to rewild an area the size of Dorset
[WildEast Summary](#) - [WildEast website](#)

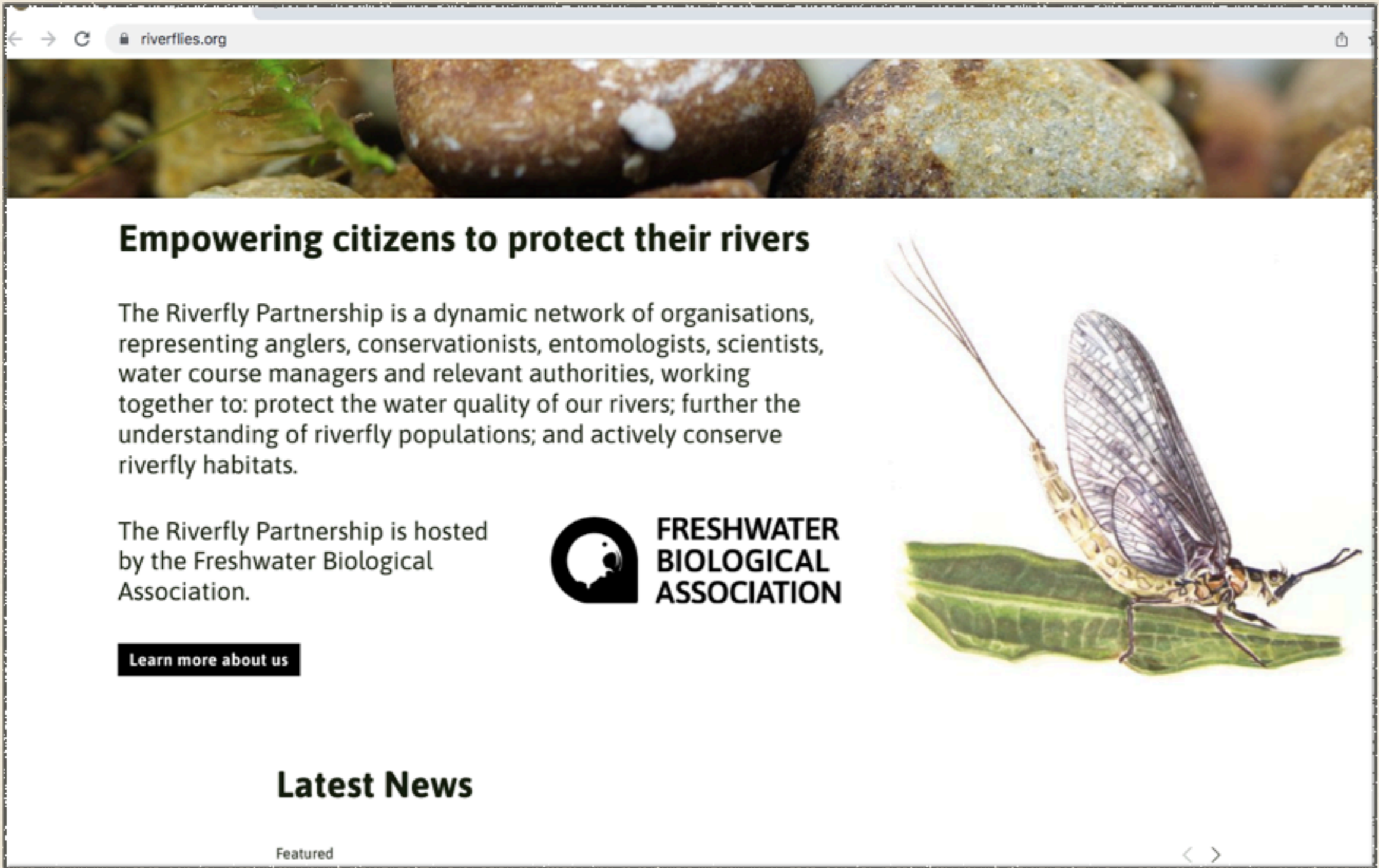
Water testing – a good place to start!

Three pronged approach:



- ❖ River Fly Testing/
Kick Testing
- ❖ Citizens Science Test
- ❖ Water Guardians

Riverfly Testing / Kick Testing



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Riverfly Partnership website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a back arrow, a forward arrow, a refresh icon, and the URL "riverflies.org". Below the navigation bar is a large image of river stones. The main content area features a heading "Empowering citizens to protect their rivers", a paragraph describing the partnership's mission, and a button "Learn more about us". To the right of the text is the logo for the Freshwater Biological Association, which consists of a stylized fish icon and the text "FRESHWATER BIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION". Below the logo is a large image of a damselfly nymph on a green leaf. At the bottom of the page, there is a section titled "Latest News" with a "Featured" sub-section and a right-pointing arrow.


riverflies.org


Empowering citizens to protect their rivers

The Riverfly Partnership is a dynamic network of organisations, representing anglers, conservationists, entomologists, scientists, water course managers and relevant authorities, working together to: protect the water quality of our rivers; further the understanding of riverfly populations; and actively conserve riverfly habitats.

The Riverfly Partnership is hosted by the Freshwater Biological Association.

[Learn more about us](#)

 **FRESHWATER BIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**

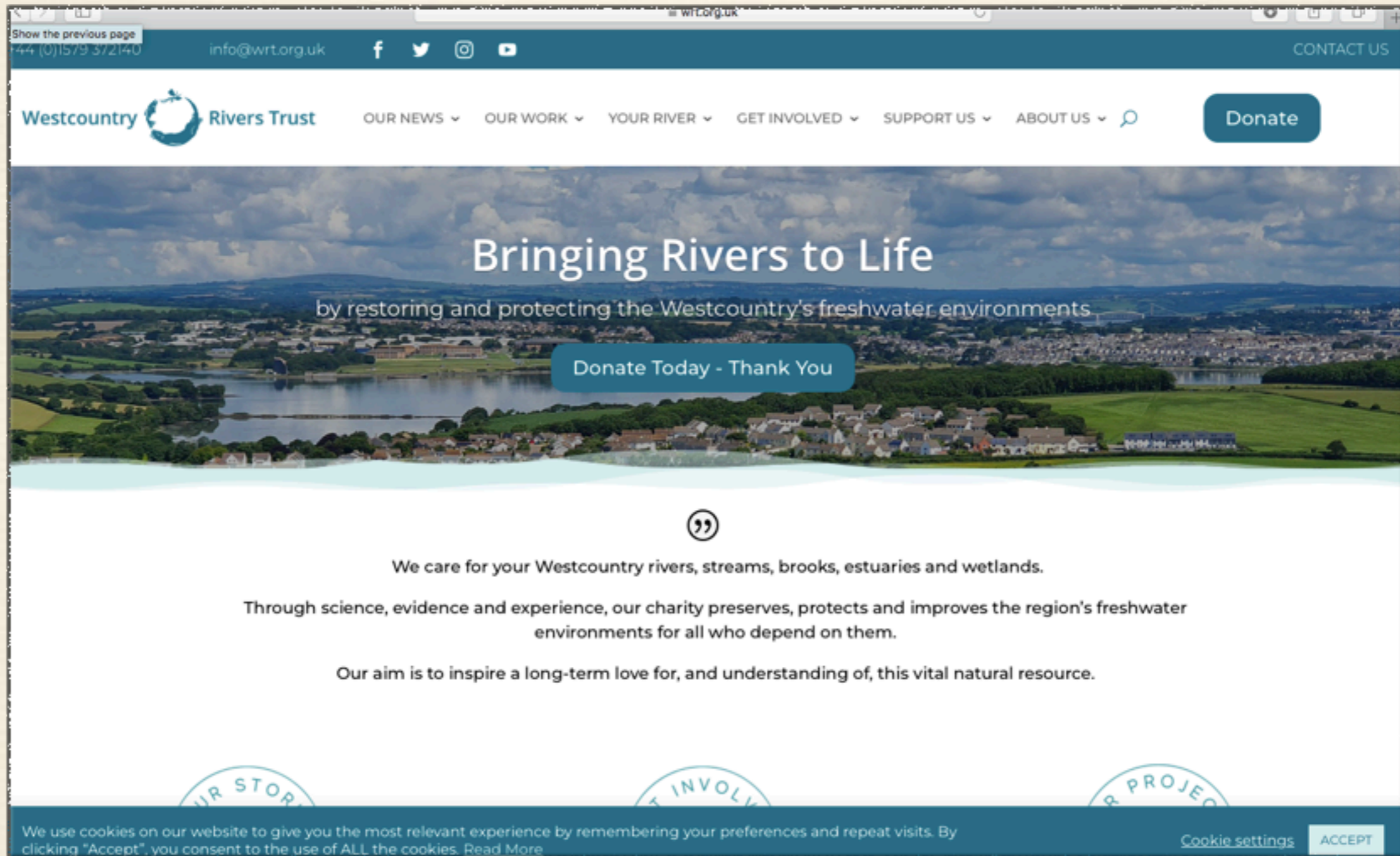


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West Country Rivers Trust: Citizens Science Test

<https://wrt.org.uk/>



Dorset Wildlife Trust: Water Guardians

<https://www.yrct.co.uk/>

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Working towards cleaner rivers in Dorset and improving the habitats for wildlife



Parish Water Testing Kit

- ❖ Easy to use and mobile
- ❖ Records data without allowing user variables
- ❖ Tests for pre-agreed parameters



Xylem Water

<https://www.xylem.com/en-uk/about-xylem/>



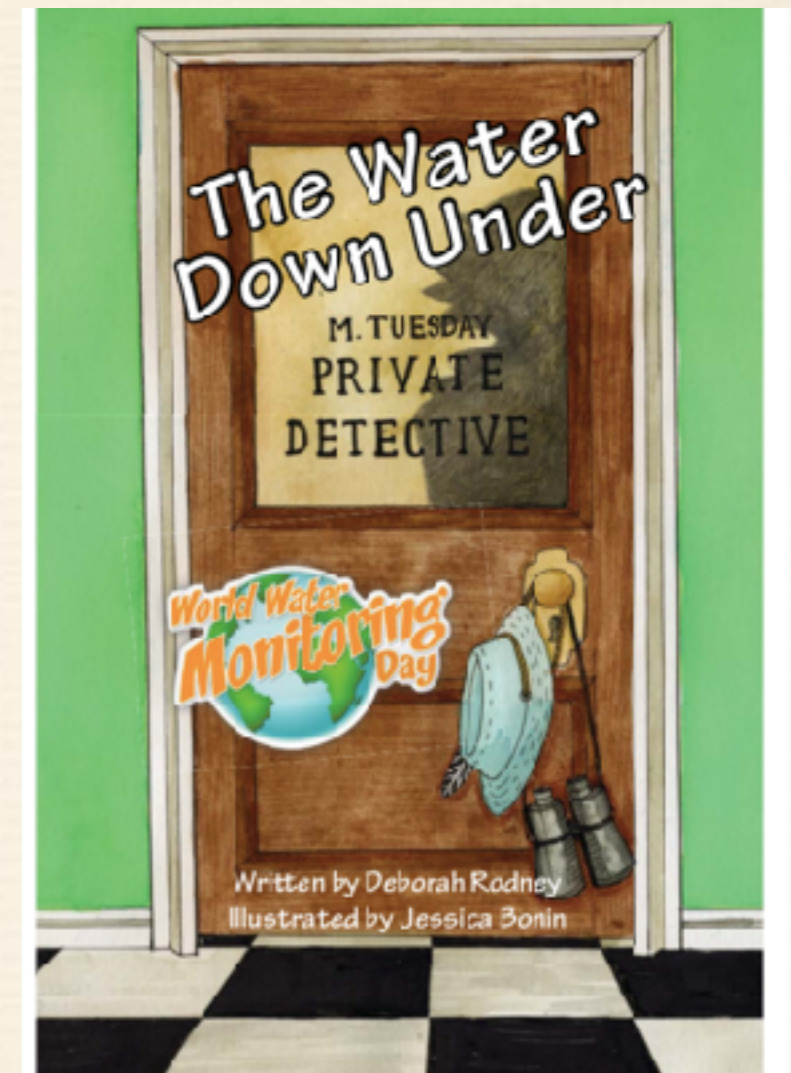
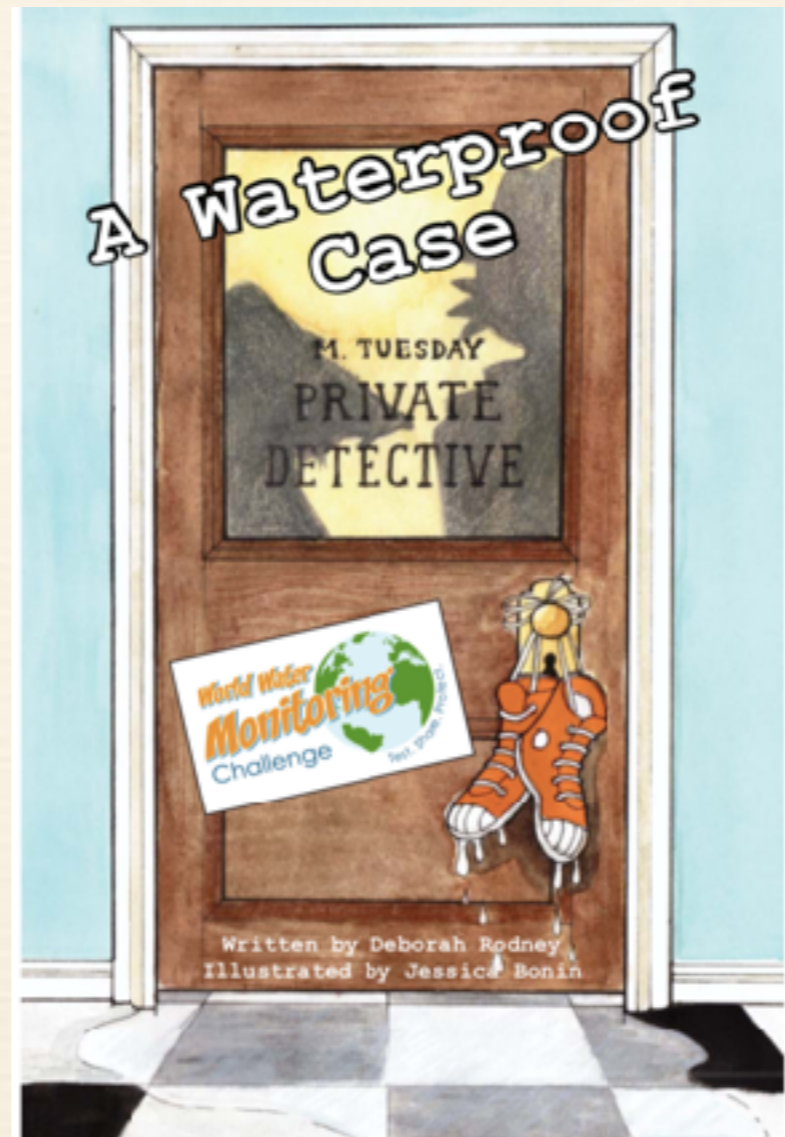


How to be a Leak Detective!

A water leak around the house, for example from a tap, shower, or toilet, can waste an awful lot of water. For example, a leaky tap can waste around 4 litres of water per day, which is a huge 1,424 litres of water per year!

A leaking toilet can waste up to 400 litres of water per day, which is the same as five full bathtubs every day!!

By becoming a leak detective you could help to save water, which means that you are helping your family to save money, you are helping the environment and the wild animals that also rely on water from rivers and lakes, and you are making sure that there is enough water to go around for the other people who need it.

Just follow the simple steps on these pages to become a leak detective today!



Structure of the group

- ❖ Aim: - “to protect and promote biodiversity within the Parish of Queen Thorne and provide a research and monitoring tool which will enable more effective environmental decision making by the QTPC and other tiers of government.”
- ❖ Absolute inclusivity
- ❖ Formal roles to include Chair, Treasurer and Secretary
- ❖ Possible charity status
- ❖ Meeting every other month
- ❖ Fun community training events, stream monitoring and collection of data
- ❖ Own web page with accessible information
- ❖ Great Village Wildlife Survey

The importance of non-divisiveness

- ❖ Kindness must be at the heart of a Nature Watch group - especially to those we disagree with.
- ❖ Divisiveness is a brilliant tool of inactivity - we need to work together as gardeners, small holders, farmers, and conservationists
- ❖ No blame and shame - all of us are doing something and all of us could do more

Yeovil Rivers Community Trust

<https://www.yrct.co.uk>



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A Warm Welcome to The Yeovil Rivers Community Trust Website!

Yeovil Rivers Community Trust (YRCT) was formed in 2018 with the aim of restoring, enhancing and creating all types of natural aquatic habitats such as ponds, streams, rivers and wetlands in Yeovil and the wider landscape in Somerset and Dorset. While our focus is on aquatic habitats, we incorporate actions to enhance and protect the environment generally by including terrestrial interventions such as tree and hedge planting, wildflower meadow establishment and habitat creation for insects and other animals wherever possible.

Since 2018, YRCT have extended their areas of interest to include environmental water management issues such as flooding, drought, surface water management, water conservation, man-made drainage systems and the impacts of climate change. Our work seeks ways to mitigate negative impacts arising from these challenges and to accentuate the positives!



As our name suggests, the community is at the heart of everything we do and our projects always aim to deliver as many benefits for the community as possible. This may be through enhancing existing habitats to increase the numbers and diversity of wildlife, enhancing the environment to provide improved recreational opportunities and experiences or to create new opportunities

❖ Question and Answers

Plan of Action

Please leave your name, contact

details and any specific interest

you may have.