

### RIVER WANDLE RELEASED FROM CAPTIVITY IN CROYDON!



Less than 50 years ago, the River Wandle in South West London was officially a sewer. Last summer it was declared one of England's 10 most improved rivers, supporting all sorts of wildlife and even spawning trout. One of the most recent projects, nearing completion, is the restoration of a branch of the river through Wandle Park in Croydon which until recently was buried in a culvert. It won't be long before the newly excavated channel is reconnected to flow freely through the rejuvenated park, for everyone to enjoy.

For more information, visit [www.wandlepark.com](http://www.wandlepark.com), contact [WANDLEPARK@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:WANDLEPARK@croydon.gov.uk), or visit the park yourself!

### INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE UK EVIDENCE BASE

WHILE THE KETTLE'S BOILING, PLEASE TAKE 3 MINUTES TO HAVE YOUR SAY

An assessment of RRC's National River Restoration Inventory is being undertaken by *Nick Elbourne*, RRC's Information and Communications Officer under his guise as an MSc student at Cranfield University.

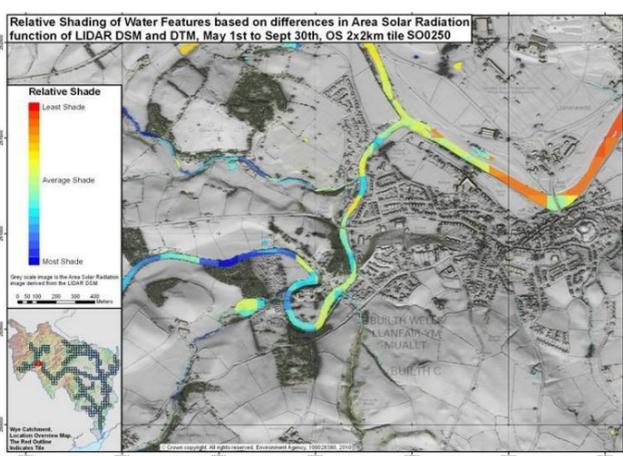
The four month study aims to better determine what data are required to improve the value of our records by prioritising information the RRC collects as the UK's river restoration and management information centre.

This one page survey will help the RRC further develop the UK resource, complementing the RESTORE WIKI "best in Europe" tool which some of you may have tested at RRC's Annual Conference. Thank you for your time!



To have your say [respond to the survey by Friday 8th June](#). Email [n.elbourne@cranfield.ac.uk](mailto:n.elbourne@cranfield.ac.uk) or call +44 (0)1234 752979 if you have any questions

### KEEPING RIVERS COOL – CREATING RIPARIAN SHADE



Environment Agency start planting up riparia. What have we got to lose?!

Keeping Rivers Cool is a four year (2012-2016) Environment Agency led climate change adaptation project focused on using trees to keep rivers cool. Three pilot catchments have been targeted for the first two years of this project, namely the Wye (Severn), Hampshire Avon and Tyne. The secondary catchments that will be used if there is additional financial capacity in the project are the Ribble, Frome (Dorset), and Tywi (Wales).

The Environment Agency will be working with charitable trusts to plant trees and erect stock proof fencing in the right areas as identified by local knowledge and shade mapping based on LiDAR data (pictured). Aiming for a mosaic of tree cover, rather than blanket cover, the project recognises the uncertainties surrounding the technique, but also that we can't ignore the risks of climate change to river conservation. Establishing trees along rivers is a low-risk reversible action and a good start to keeping rivers cool.

For more information on the project, contact [Rachel.Lenane@Environment-Agency.gov.uk](mailto:Rachel.Lenane@Environment-Agency.gov.uk)

### FULLY FUNDED PLACES AVAILABLE FOR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT 2012 CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION



A limited number of free places have been made available for public and third sector members of the RRC by [Govtoday](#)

In the wake of the first White Paper for over 20 years on the environment, the **Natural Environment 2012: Balancing Nature, Society and the Economy** conference and exhibition to be held on June 12th. Speakers will discuss the Government's proposals, debate the methodology and question the actions to protect the environment for future generations. The conference will look at strengthening the economy in a environmentally sustainable way to improve quality of life and well-being, and will highlight the requirements for industry participation, as well as the pivotal role that this sector will play in the meeting of targets. For further information go to [www.natural-environment.co.uk](http://www.natural-environment.co.uk)

Places are limited, so book your place now by calling 0161 238 8881 or emailing [david.nicholls@govtoday.co.uk](mailto:david.nicholls@govtoday.co.uk) quoting ref 'RRC 4'

### BIG-UP YOUR BLUE CREDENTIALS: GO FOR A UK WATER EFFICIENCY AWARD!

The Environment Agency and Waterwise UK Water Efficiency Awards 2012 has been launched. They are looking for the most creative and inspiring examples of water efficiency in the UK. The search is on to recognise and celebrate the achievements of public, private and third sector organisations that 'Shout' about water efficiency, 'Solve' water demand management challenges and simply 'Save' water, in 12 different categories.

Winners and runners-up will be decided by a high-profile, expert panel of judges. The awards will be announced in September at a ceremony at the House of Lords, hosted by Rt Hon Lord Smith of Finsbury, Chairman of the Environment Agency, and Jacob Tompkins, Managing Director of Waterwise.



UK Water Efficiency Awards 2012

Visit the [Waterwise website](http://Waterwise website) or please email [awards@waterwise.org.uk](mailto:awards@waterwise.org.uk) or call +44 (0)20 3463 2398 if you have any questions

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