



Regional Flood and Coastal Committees



Herts and Middlesex



Partnerships for Action



the River Restoration Centre  
Working to restore and enhance our rivers

Draft INVITE and agenda - 2019 Integrated Catchment Delivery events

## Partnership working, restoring soils, rivers and groundwater – River Beane, Lea Catchment visit

An inclusive visit hosted by Affinity Water, the Lea Catchment Partnership/Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust and River Beane Restoration Association

**Date and time:** Thursday 11 July, 10:00 start to 16:00 close

**Contact:** [dom@therivertrust.org](mailto:dom@therivertrust.org) 07795 333 157 for bookings

**Location:** River Beane catchment, meet and depart from Woodhall Estate, Shoot Hall, Woodhall Park, Watton At Stone, SG14 3NF

**Please bring** water proofs, sturdy walking boots/footware and sun cream just in case!

### Shared goals for this visit

1. Hear innovative farming approaches enhancing soil health and wider ecosystem services
2. Improving understanding how good farming practices contribute to climate resilience, profitable food production and wider public goods and services
3. Visit river restoration in the Lea/Beane catchment which achieved 'runner up' in the 2019 River Restoration Centres Riverprize award, sharing learning on river restoration and water resource opportunities
4. Learn how catchment-wide restoration planning is being delivered in partnership, with a view to enhancing rivers and wetlands for reintroducing endangered species
5. Hear how local advocacy coupled with a catchment-based approach, shaped a shared vision for reducing water abstraction and securing a more sustainable future in the Beane valley
6. Facilitate partnership next steps
7. Link with London Climate Action Week connecting rural and urban communities with positive action that benefits Londoners and climate resilience

### Outputs available after the event on the River Restoration Centre website

- Presentations and photos
- Web links to useful information



In April 2017 Affinity Water reduced the amount of water they take from the environment by eighteen million litres per day (18Ml/d) at one of their pumping stations near Watton-at-Stone. The particular pumping station linked to the River Beane has been used since the 1950s, and it is expected that reducing the abstractions will benefit flows in the chalk stream and surrounding environment. Source: [River Lea Catchment Partnership](#)

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## Programme

Chair tbc Shaun Dowson, Dom Martyn

09:30 Refreshments, networking and arrival

10:00 to 10:20 Welcome, Shaun Dowson Affinity Water

10:20 to 10:30 River Beane Restoration Association – approaching 30 years of catchment working in the River Beane valley, Dave Stimpson

10:30 to 10:40 a shared future vision for catchment working in the River Beane valley, Sarah Perry or Martin Ketcher Lea Catchment Partnership Co-Host, Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust

10:40 to 10:50 Building capacity and outreach?! London Climate Action Week and Integrated Catchment Delivery events, Dom Martyn Catchment Based Approach National Support Group

10:50 to 11:00 Questions and discussion

11:00 to 13:30 **Agriculture good practice visit** – see Upper Lea cover cropping pilot project achieved through innovative nitrate trading and reverse auction approach. This initiative supports farmers improving soil health and reduce run-off helping protect groundwater drinking supplies to London

13:30 to 14:00 Sandwiches provided and networking

14:00 to 15:30 **Restoring rivers visit** – visit enhanced sections of the River Beane as part of the Lea river restoration programme and share learning to enhance future partnership working

15:30 to 16:00 return to hall - three key actions, next steps and close

*Thank you for attending and have a safe journey home. Please hand in your feedback form before you go to one of the organisers. Thank you.*

Please see these websites for more information:

Future events: <https://www.therrc.co.uk/integrated-catchment-delivery-events-2019>

2017 to 2018 resources: <https://www.therrc.co.uk/integrated-catchment-delivery-events-2017-18>

Key workshop: people, farming, floods drought and nature

<https://www.ciwem.org/events/workshop-integrated-catchment-delivery>