

# Improving the Roundmoor

**October 2018**

Dear Friends, Householders, Volunteers, and Supporters,

We are writing to give provide an update of events and works that have been taking place from July to improve the Roundmoor Ditch. Installation of live stock watering points and temporary fencing was completed in June and sixteen volunteer events have taken place. In these events volunteers have carried out in-channel clearance of fallen tree limbs, installed 4 permeable berms and 3 deflectors. This work has helped improve the flow of the river, protect the river bank, and improve the habitat for wildlife. There is a noticeable fish population in the stream and sightings of rare wading bird species, Spotted Crake's, had been reported by local birders. More volunteer events are to take place from October to carry out further improvement works to Roundmoor Ditch. Project plans and time lines available online or contact Luke for more information.



Date		Time	Session
13th/14th	Oct	2018	10:30 – 14:30
27th/ 28th	Oct	2018	10:30 - 14:30
3rd/ 4th	Nov	2018	10:30 - 14:30
8th/ 9th	Dec	2018	10:30 - 14:30
15th/ 22nd	Dec	2018	10:30 - 14:30

**Please note sessions may change due to environmental conditions. Updates will be given.**

**All equipment provided - please wear comfortable clothes.**

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## HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

### *Volunteer Days*

Volunteers events continue into autumn and winter, and open are to anyone who wants to be part of river improvement effort. Thames21 will provide all equipment and guidance to volunteers on the Roundmoor Ditch improvement days. **No experience needed.** The dates of volunteer improvement days are available locally and online.

### *Training*

Thames21 is also offering volunteers the chance to join our free, nationally accredited, 2-day training course on managing waterways.

### *Marginal Planting Opportunity*

Home owners with gardens bordering the river are invited to take a part in the opportunity to create a natural habitat at the river margin. This will involve planting native river plants in the water which will **provide new habitat, reduce bank erosion, and restore the river channel.** The plants and improvement materials are available for **free.**

### *Eton Wick Waterways Group*

If you are interested in being part of the local community partnership focused on the waterways and the environment surrounding Eton Wick please join the Eton Wick Waterways Group [www.facebook.com/EtonWickWG](http://www.facebook.com/EtonWickWG)  
Contact [info@etonwickwaterwaysgroup.com](mailto:info@etonwickwaterwaysgroup.com) for further information.



**Example of marginal planting**

## CONTACT THAMES21

To get involved with the project through volunteering, the installation of marginal planting, training or simply want to know more about the improvement work, please get in touch with:

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