

River Great Ouse Pollution Incident

18 October 2018

Community Briefing

This update provides information about the recovery work needed following the pollution incident which affected the River Great Ouse between Brackley and Thornton from 29 June 2018.

Current situation and next steps

Partnership working

We would like to invite you to a community drop-in event that will focus on the processes of impact monitoring of river pollution incidents and river ecology restoration.

Come and talk to Environment Agency staff at the Buckingham Community Centre, Small Hall, Buckingham MK18 1RP on 7 November 2018, any time between 2pm and 7pm – or join us for a presentation on river ecology restoration at 3:30pm or 6pm.

At the event you can find out more about:

- our role and responsibilities following a water pollution event of this nature;
- investigating the cause, analysis of impacts on the environment;
- pollution prevention controls;
- the planning process, recovery and restoration of the River Great Ouse between Brackley and Thornton in Buckinghamshire; and
- how you and others can get involved in the restoration process.

River recovery

We continue to carry out river surveys to check its recovery and ability to support fish. We will consider restocking the river with fish once we are confident that the fish will be able to find sufficient food. Improvements to the habitat along the river before any fish restocking will also make it more successful.

Enforcement investigation and environmental monitoring

No further updates can be released at this moment as the investigation continues.

Stay informed

Please let us know if you would like to be sent the previous month's newsletter because you've recently joined this mailing list, and if you would like us to keep your email address on this distribution list (for future updates on our recovery work) by emailing FBG.C&B@environment-agency.gov.uk. Please note, if you ask us to keep you informed we will retain your email address only for the duration of this work.

You can keep up to date with fisheries activity by following us on Twitter @OusefishEA.

Next update due by 30 November 2018

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