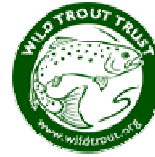




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Hampshire &
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- Invitation to Loddon Rivers Week 2013 – Practical Tasks to improve River Ecology

Rivers Week 2012 Summary

- Over 70 volunteers safely achieved up to 30 habitat enhancements on the Blackwater, Loddon and Whitewater.
- A draft EA Flood Defence Consent (FDC) advice pack is in circulation. This provides simple guides for woody debris, backwaters and gravel. It is supplemented with a flood defence consent leaflet and main river map to enable viewers to see where EA consent is required by law. I would welcome any feedback on the FDC guides.
- We produced delegates packs providing the know how to enable groups to undertake habitat improvement in future. Local case studies are featured and the process from options appraisal to construction is covered. The 2012 Loddon Rivers Week pack can be viewed at www.lfcc.org.uk
- Eight teams, lead by experts, accomplished a variety of habitat improvement techniques. These techniques included creating gravel fish spawning grounds, installing large woody debris to change river morphology (shape) to scour pools, clean spawning grounds and improve habitat complexity, various refugia installed for fish and wildlife, planting and carefully selecting site won materials. We tackled fish passage at Arborfield by slowing water through the channel exit to facilitate upstream movement.

Come and join us, it's free and thoroughly rewarding to watch a river transform before your eyes.



Contact Details to register Attendance and Interest

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Please specify which day(s) you would like to attend.

Tuesday 19th March 2013 – River Whitewater, Potbridge, Hampshire

Thursday 21st March 2013 – River Blackwater, Coleford Bridge, Hampshire

Saturday 23rd March 2013 – River Blackwater, Coleford Bridge, Hampshire



What will take place?

- Working with wood to create refuge, pools and riffles
- Gravel introduction to create fish spawning areas
- Fish and wildlife passage
- Gravel Cleaning with Venturi Cleaning Systems
- Bank repairs and swim building