



The Welland Rivers Trust is a charity dedicated to conservation, restoration, and education within the Welland Catchment Area



The Welland Rivers Trust Newsletter

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New Project Officer Appointed

We are pleased to announce that the Welland Rivers Trust have appointed a new Project Officer.

Geoff Gilfillan started at the end of August, and will be based at the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust's Allerton Project in Loddington, Leicestershire.

Geoff's main roles will include:

- The development and management of a wide range of current and future land, habitat, wildlife and water projects in the Welland Catchment.
- Building close working collaborations with local statutory, voluntary and community organisations to deliver current projects and design, and develop

and manage new opportunities.

- Identifying and securing funding for the restoration and conservation of the River Welland.

We are all extremely excited for Geoff to get started in this role.

We also want to take this moment to thank Lisa Smallwood for her many years of fantastic work with the Welland Rivers Trust.

Thankfully, Lisa has agreed to stay on as a Trustee for the WRT, and we will surely benefit greatly from keeping her knowledge and skills within the Trust.

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Werrington Brook Improvement project

by Geoff Gilfillan

Location: Werrington Brook, Peterborough

Lead Organisation/s:

Peterborough City Council; The Environment Agency; Peterborough Environment City Trust.

Funding Sources: The Water Framework Directive Grant in Aid through the Environment Agency

Background:

Following the completion of a feasibility study in 2014, a 5 year Werrington Brook Improvements project was launched to improve the water quality, biodiversity and community amenity function of several water bodies in this sub-section of the Welland catchment (including: Marholm Brook, Brook Drain, Paston Brook, Werrington Brook and Cuckoo's Hollow).

Current Work:

These improvement works involve river restoration schemes, work with local communities and businesses to engender behavioural change, and work to tackle a wide range of pollutants at source.

Improvements involve re-shaping and re-landscaping five stretches of the Werrington, Marholm and Paston brooks, to restore the river

to its more historical characteristics. The work will involve installing new features into the brooks to improve the way they naturally function. From restoring the natural flow of the river, to increasing the amount of oxygen in the water, the features will help to clean the water, create new habitats, and provide a more pleasant space for all to enjoy.

The project has recently completed works on Arundel Road and Rockingham Grove. Currently work is progressing on the outline designs for the Aubretia Reach, ahead of going out for public consultation. The planned construction start for this reach is November 2017.

Awards:

Along with the Werrington Environmental award, awarded by the Werrington Neighborhood Council, the project has also been

shortlisted as a finalist in the National 'Big Biodiversity Challenge' awards.



NOTABLE ENTRIES



Deborah Martin

River Welland at Scoborough Ford near Marston Trussell



Mark Peck

Fly fishing on the River Welland near Market Harborough



Stuart Robins

Photography Competition- September 2017

by Geoff Gilfillan

A massive thank you to everyone who entered our Photography Competition. We received some really beautiful entries that highlight the importance of the River Welland to all of us.

After a very close run, we selected the entry from Stuart Robins as our WINNER. Stuart's photo captured the Welland at Uffington bridge, near Stamford. Congratulations Stuart!!!!

“The Welland is particularly beautiful around Uffington bridge, with its beds and tree lined banks”

Stuart Robins

UP-COMING EVENTS

The Great River Rescue clean-up:

Location: Market Harborough

Time: 1.30 to 3 pm

Date: October 26th

To celebrate World Rivers Day, The Welland Rivers Trust have teamed up with the Market Harborough Environment Group to organise a joint river clean-up event. We will be wading in the River Welland to remove rubbish, and using water quality testing kits to find out the current state of the water in the river at Market Harborough.

Please come and join us, we will be meeting at The Square Market Harborough Harborough Leicestershire LE16 7PD

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