Join members of the Loddon Catchment Partnership at a series of events themed around delivering practical improvements to enhance river habitat.

- Help to deliver a range of ‘River Restoration’ techniques
- Learn about low-cost solutions
- Hear about local and national case studies
- Celebrate World Rivers Day

Programme
Fri 15th Thames bypass visits, inc. Loddon Arborfield Mill Weirs (associated event)
Mon 18th Maiden Erlegh – floating island construction
Tue 19th - Thurs 21st Blackwater Valley – habitat enhancement on the River Blackwater & feeder streams
Wed 20th Bassetts Mead - Large Woody Debris installation, Maiden Erlegh – floating island launch
Thurs 21st Thames Water - Control Centre visit (associated event)
Sun 24th World Rivers Day - Bassetts Mead Guided walk & kick sampling demo
The Loddon Catchment Partnership with

E-mail Loddon.Catchment@hiwwt.org.uk for more information or to book your place on the following events:

Monday 18th September – Join volunteers from Earley Town Council to see the construction of ‘floating islands’ at Maiden Erlegh Lake. The vegetated islands will provide perches for dragonflies and shelter for fish fry, and will absorb nutrients from the water, reducing the risk of algal blooms.

Tuesday 19th - Thursday 21st September – the Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership will be adding woody debris to enhance the River Blackwater and its feeder streams, building on previous work at Frimley Hatches and Hawley Meadows. Drop in at any time to see the team in action.

Wednesday 20th September – in the second day of activity at Maiden Erlegh Lake, the newly-constructed floating islands will be launched. The islands will be planted up with native wetland vegetation sourced from the lake shores, and towed out into the lake where they’ll help to cleanse the nutrient-enriched waters at the same time as providing habitat for the lake’s aquatic residents.

Wednesday 20th September – Hampshire & IoW Wildlife Trust volunteers will be installing large timbers – termed ‘large woody debris’ in the River Whitewater at Bassett’s Mead nature reserve near Hook. The wood will provide shelter for aquatic insects & fish fry, and create habitat diversity and flow variability.

Thursday 21st September – Join Thames Water for a morning / afternoon tour of their Operation Control Centre in Reading. Following prosecution for six pollution offences (2012-14), the company have made significant improvements at the Centre, allowing better monitoring and proactive intervention to prevent incidents – hear about what they’ve done at this rare behind the scenes visit.

Sunday 24th September – join Loddon Catchment Partnership co-hosts Hampshire & IoW Wildlife Trust and South East Rivers Trust for a guided walk at Bassett’s Mead nature reserve near Hook to celebrate World Rivers Day. Hear about work undertaken during Rivers Weeks past & present, and meet some of the aquatic creatures living in the River Whitewater.