

# **The South East Rivers Trust**



# **Corporate Volunteering Programme** 2024

Registered charity number: 1091000

www.southeastriverstrust.org



# Why choose us?



Our outstanding volunteering days are carefully constructed to deliver a unique river experience.

Get hands on with your team to help improve your local river and learn about how you can protect these vital ecosystems.

#### Make a positive difference

Our rivers are struggling globally due to a wide range of man-made pressures such as pollution, loss of habitat and climate change.

By choosing a corporate volunteering day with us you will not only accomplish something amazing on the day, you will support our work to improve rivers and their catchments for people and wildlife across the south east of England.

#### **Benefit from volunteering**

- Encourage teamwork and collaboration
- Build skills and self confidence
- Enjoy a fun day out of the office, in a blue-green urban oasis
- Learn about the value of rivers, the issues they face and how we can protect them
- Enhance staff retention rates by building employee satisfaction
- Meet your company's CSR commitments

# Activities



## **River cleanups**

Rubbish in our rivers is a big problem. Not only is it unsightly, it also has a huge environmental impact; harming wildlife and leaking chemicals and pollutants into the water. If it's not picked up, it often makes its way into our oceans where it can persist for hundreds of years, damaging marine ecosystems and even ending up in our food chain as micro-plastics.

River cleanups are not your average litter pick! Don waders and get into the river to help remove everything from shopping trolleys to mattresses.

## **Balsam bashing**

Himalayan balsam is an invasive plant that spreads rapidly, covering river banks and outcompeting the native plants that provide food and shelter for our wildlife. Pulling or cutting these plants by hand is the best method of control so we need your help to tackle it!

Balsam bashing is a fun, hands on team activity, combined with litter picking and carried out from the river in waders.





## Walk, talk & litter pick

Don't fancy getting in the river? Join a member of our team for a stroll along the river, combining a guided walk with an opportunity to improve the local environment by picking up litter as you go.

## Lunch & learn

Our one hour lunch and learn sessions can be delivered online or in person at your office.

They provide an opportunity for your staff to learn more about river ecosystems and the threats they face such as pollution, habitat loss, water scarcity and climate change.

Most importantly, find out what changes you can make to make a positive difference!

# **Available opportunities**



### **River cleanup**

| Date      | Time     | Location               | Spaces | Price |
|-----------|----------|------------------------|--------|-------|
| 15th May  | 10am-3pm | River Wandle, Sutton   | 15     | £2000 |
| 10th Sept | 10am-3pm | River Wandle, Morden   | 20     | £2000 |
| 16th Oct  | 10am-3pm | Beverley Brook, Sutton | 15     | £2000 |
| 13th Nov  | 10am-3pm | River Wandle, Morden   | 20     | £2000 |

### **Balsam bashing**

| Date      | Time     | Location                       | Spaces | Price |
|-----------|----------|--------------------------------|--------|-------|
| 12th June | 10am-3pm | Hogsmill River, Worcester Park | 20     | £2000 |
| 10th July | 10am-3pm | Hogsmill River, Worcester Park | 20     | £2000 |

### Walk, talk & litter pick

| Date     | Time      | Location                 | Spaces | Price |
|----------|-----------|--------------------------|--------|-------|
| 2nd July | 10am-12pm | Hogsmill River, Ewell    | 20     | £500  |
| 3rd Sept | 2pm-4pm   | River Wandle, Carshalton | 20     | £500  |

### Lunch & learn

| Lunch and learn sessions are suitable for up to 30     | Online:    | £300 |
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| attendees and can be arranged for a date and time that | In-person: | £400 |
| suits you.   |            |      |

#### All prices are subject to VAT.

We will include an optional corporate donation which will be re-invested to support the work of the Trust and help us continue to run a wide range of engaging events for local communities. We're very grateful for any additional support we receive.

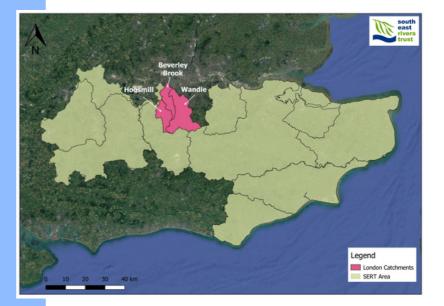
# **Useful inform**ation



## Locations

Our activities largely take place across the Wandle, Beverley Brook and Hogsmill Rivers in South West London.

We're happy to discuss other locations in our area.



## What's included?

An experienced team leader. You will be guided on the day by our experienced and knowledgeable staff.

#### Tools and equipment.

We provide all of the necessary tools, equipment and PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for the task at hand.

### **Refreshments.**

Light refreshments including tea, coffee, fruit juice and a selection of snacks will be provided\* but please bring your own lunch.

\*not included in the 'lunch and learn'

All of our events are fully risk assessed and insured.

## **Contact us**

#### Email

volunteering@southeastriverstrust.org

# **Thank you!**



### Rivers are our lifeblood. They shape our landscape, provide freshwater and support wildlife. When rivers thrive, so do we.

By volunteering with us through our corporate volunteering programme, you are not just helping to improve one stretch of river. You are also supporting the South East Rivers Trust to continue delivering outstanding river ecosystem enhancement through science-based action, collaboration, education and engagement.

We work with local communities and stakeholders to deliver high-quality river and catchment enhancement projects, improving river health for both people and wildlife.

To find out more about our work and other opportunities to get involved visit: www.southeastriverstrust.org