

River Great Ouse Pollution Incident

20 July 2018

Community Briefing

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

On Friday, 13 July 2018 we lifted precautionary advice for people, pets and livestock to stay out of the river between Brackley and Milton Keynes.

What happens next?

We have officially moved into a Recovery phase for this incident. We have a dedicated team working on all aspects of the recovery:

- investigate the cause and appropriate enforcement
- complete the environmental damage assessment and monitoring work
- identify actions to recover the ecology of the river
- work with affected partners throughout the recovery process
- communicate our progress to the affected communities via briefings and the media

Recovery from an incident of this nature is a slow and long process but is a key priority for us and we appreciate that this work is of interest to you too.

Stay informed

We will provide updates on what we are doing every two weeks through this Community Briefing. This frequency might mean that we won't always have any updates to share or progress to report. We will review the frequency of updates as we move through the recovery process.

We will look for other opportunities to work with you on recovery and we'll let you know here how you can get involved.

Please let us know 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

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

How to get involved now

Surveys for otters and water voles will be included as part of this incident recovery programme. If you spot any signs of otters, please report this information to our National Customer Contact Centre via email enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk or phone 03708 506 506 your information will be logged and passed on to us.

Please also report any dead otters to the Environment Agency using the same contact details. If at all possible, we will pick up the otter and send it to Cardiff University for post mortem as part of its nationwide studies. Read about the Cardiff University Otter Project on <https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/otter-project>.

Next update due 3 August 2018

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