

Heston and Cranford Area Forum

Reclaiming the Riverside project
Cranford

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A Community Interest Company formed in 2015.

- We aim to introduce people of all ages to their local outdoor spaces.
- We encourage people who might not normally access parks and natural environments or face barriers to spending time outside.
- They come together in to spend time in parks, to socialise, and be part of a community group.
- We use outdoor spaces as social infrastructure and a place to provide people with a sense of community.
- We use outdoor spaces to benefit health and wellbeing.

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Reclaiming the Riverside project 2021-2023

Funded from October 2021 – March 2023

The Green Recovery Challenge Fund

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The Crane Project Fund

Green Recovery Challenge Fund


Department
for Environment
Food & Rural Affairs

The
National Lottery
Heritage Fund

 Environment
Agency


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Project aims



LGOAL and
TCV project
teams

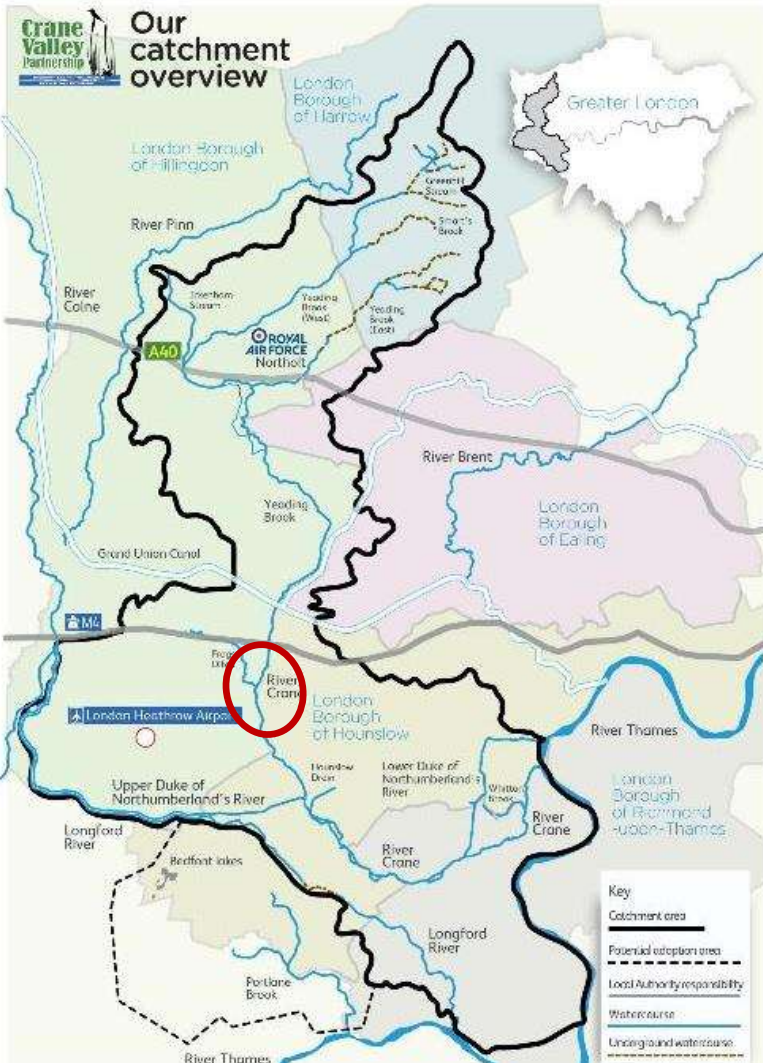


Reclaiming The Riverside

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This Cranford based project aims to restore the green corridor along the River Crane, West London, revitalising 3km of riverside and adjoining habitat and putting the local community at the heart of delivery. It will:

- Conserve and restore nature across 20 hectares of priority habitat.
- Connect 650 people with nature
- Practical conservation volunteering opportunities
- Nature based activities
- Re-open a key section of river path.



Project area

From the M4 to the A30

- The River Crane valley runs from north to south.
- The west bank is in Hillingdon and includes:
 - Cranford Park
 - Frog's Ditch
 - Huckerby's Meadows. (London Wildlife Trust)
- The east bank is in Hounslow's Cranford ward and includes:
 - Avenue Park,
 - Waye Avenue Open Space
 - Cranebank Local Nature Reserve

Reclaiming the riverside Project area



Project partners

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We are working in partnership with a number of organisations to deliver the project. For this phase of the project TCV are project lead.

Working in Partnership with



**London Borough
of Hounslow**

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Involving the community

Community engagement

Let's Go Outside and Learn are seeking to work with the following audiences for this project:

- people who would not normally engage with parks and open spaces
- or those who face barriers to engaging.

All project activities are free to join

There are 3 strands to the community engagement that Let's Go Outside and Learn are delivering:

- Schools (pupils and teachers)
- Social action for young people.
- Adults, especially those at risk of isolation





Cranford's Culture in Avenue Park

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Saturday 15th October 12pm - 3pm
Join us for a celebration of culture in one of Cranford's beautiful riverside parks!



Storytelling * Foraging walk * Drumming workshop *
Silent Disco litter pick * Riverside walks * Community stalls * & Much much more!

Working in Partnership with



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Winter 2022

For details see www.lgoal.org

- Inset for teachers at 2 schools
- Further social action with young people



Reclaiming The Riverside
Guided Riverside Walks

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Come and explore the River Crane in Cranford on our guided nature walks!
Every first Saturday of the month, 10am-12pm, for all of Winter!

Saturday 5th November - Avenue Park (TW5 9RG)
Saturday 3rd December - Waye Avenue (TW5 9SQ)
Saturday 7th January - Berkley Meadows (UB3 5HN)
Saturday 4th February - Avenue Park (TW5 9RG)

Bring: Sensible footwear and water!

Please remember to book using the details below, as spaces are limited!

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Reclaiming The Riverside
Buggy Stroll and Chat

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Join us for a weekly 1 hour buggy stroll & chat exploring Cranford's beautiful riverside parks!

Meeting place: **Cranford Children's Centre**
Time: Meet at 11.30am start walking at 11.45am

Please bring your buggies, your little ones and suitable footwear!

Thursday 3rd Nov: Waye Avenue Open Space
Thursday 10th Nov: Berkeley Meadows
Thursday 17th Nov: Waye Avenue Open Space
Thursday 24th Nov: Berkeley Meadows
Thursday 1st Dec: Avenue Park*
*longer session finishes at 1.15pm

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Social action with young people at Avenue Park

Young people thought that Avenue Park is unwelcoming and could offer them more.

They pointed to the unwelcoming signage and broken equipment (swings and zip-line) to show how unwelcoming the space was to them.

They identified other facilities which made the park feel unsafe,

- Tennis courts look neglected
- Parkour set - not repaired after arson
- Flooring in the playground - trip hazard
- Pathways - worn
- Derelict building

Their comments were passed to the council.

They made a welcome sign for the park using natural materials which is still in place.



Opportunities identified at Avenue Park by young people

The derelict building could be renovated.

Suggested uses were:

- Eco-hub (space for environmental activities such as gardening)
- Cafe / Snack stall with picnic space
- Toilets / Changing rooms
- Area for prayer

Other suggestions made for Avenue Park included:

- More flowers
- More community notices
- Maps and information about the river.
- More bins
- More bird boxes
- Improved gym equipment
- Outdoor ping-pong tables or a skate-park could replace under-used areas



Community engagement

From this work we are beginning to understand:

- how the community uses these spaces,
- what the barriers to engaging with them are,
- what the potential there might be for people and wildlife.

Volunteering opportunities with LGOAL



Future plans 2023 ...and beyond

The next phase of the project will concentrate on understanding what the community aspirations for the space are and how we can work together to achieve them.

Challenges include:

- Making these spaces somewhere that the community wants to be
- A place that has something to offer for everyone
- Removing some of the barriers to access e.g. the perception that they are unsafe
- A rich biodiverse river corridor
- Good linkage along the River Crane corridor with other spaces. An aspiration of Crane Valley Partnership, working through the Smarter Water Catchment initiative.



Cranford Action group at Waye Avenue Open Space



The River Crane at Bath Road

The River Crane at Waye Avenue Open Space and Avenue Park. Many people don't know that it is there!

