

Become a Riverfly Volunteer!



Rother Riverfly Scheme

The *Rother Riverfly Scheme* was set up in June 2015 to provide training to volunteers to monitor the health of rivers in the Arun and Western Streams catchment in West Sussex.

Regular water quality monitoring is the best way of determining the overall health of our rivers and streams. Data can be used to establish a baseline of water quality or identify pollution problems. Surveying for riverflies (freshwater invertebrates) is ideal due to their sensitivity to pollution.

The work involves pairs of volunteers collecting samples from the riverbed each month using a technique called 'kick sampling' and recording the presence and abundance of eight riverfly groups. Full training is provided and expenses covered. This project is being delivered by a partnership of organisations, led by the Arun & Rivers Trust.

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Riverflies such as mayflies, caddisflies and stoneflies live most of their lives as larvae in the river bed before emerging as adult flies.

Over the last few decades, there has been a widespread decline in riverfly populations in many of our rivers.

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