Essex Riverwatch

Citizen Science River Investigations



Survey Details

Site Name – River/Stream:			at Location:					
UK Grid Reference:			Public Access: Good Poor Other					
Date:	Time:	Observe	Observer Name:					
Type of waterbody (ti	ck one)							
☐ River ☐ Stream		☐ Ditch	1	☐ Stillwater	☐ Estuary/tidal			
☐ Other:								
Rain in previous 24 ho	ours (tick one)							
☐ None	□ι	ight rain/show	vers	□н	eavy or prolonged rain			
place	e take up to four photos (max on each visit and will capture features where photos wou	e some of the	waterbody	and surroundings				
General Observ Dominant land use w	vations ithin ~50m (~150m ft) (tick a	all that apply)						
\square Woodland	\Box Heathland			n/residential/	☐ Tall herbs/scrub			
☐ Grassland/pasture	☐ Agriculture	(crops)	commer ☐ Tilled	cial/industrial land	☐ Other:			
Dominant bankside v	egetation within ~5m (~15 f	t) (tick all that	apply) 👩					
☐ Trees/shrub	\Box Grass			gent plants	☐ None (bare earth)			
☐ Artificial surface (e concrete)	.g. \square Other:		(reed/ru	snes)				
Problem invasive plar (see INNS identification sheet	nt species (tick all that apply	y) 👨						
☐ Himalayan balsam	□ Japanese k	notweed	\square Giant	hogweed	\square New Zealand Pygmy Weed			
☐ Water fern	\Box Floating Pe	nnywort	☐ Other	r:				
Wildlife signs or sight	ings (tick all that apply)							
□ Otter	☐ Mink	☐ Wate	er vole	☐ Kingfisher	☐ Cormorant			
☐ Heron	☐ Fish	☐ Grass	s snake	☐ Dragonflied damselflies	es/			
Other								
Recreational activities	s present (tick all that apply)						
☐ Fishing ☐ Bo	ating Paddleboard/ canoes	\square Bathing	☐ Walke	ers (inc dog)	Other			

If you see any potential pollution incidents, call the Environment Agency 24-hour incident hotline 080080 70 60. Indicators include: grey water discharge, oil, chemical or sewage odour, dead fish, or fish gasping for air.

Evidence of Pollution		٦						
Observed pollution sources (tick a ☐ Outfall present not discharging	all that apply) □□□ □ Outfall present discharging		☐ Outfall causing odour		☐ Outfall causing discolouration			
☐ Collapsed riverbanks	☐ Livestock trampling			ter presence	☐ Road run-off			
☐ Soil run-off	riverbanks □ Farm run-off		(poss. misconnection) ☐ Livestock in watercourse		☐ Other:			
Observed evidence of recent poll	ution ত							
☐ Sewage-related litter	☐ Litter/fly-tipping		☐ Unpleasant Odour		☐ Oily sheen			
☐ Sewage fungus(see sewage fungus ID sheet)☐ Other:		☐ Smothe	ring algae		_			
Waterbody Characteris Channel dimensions - Estimated v □ 0 to 5m □ 5 to 10m			(tick one)] >20m					
Channel dimensions - Estimated a \Box <0.3 m \Box 0.3 to 0.6	•		one) 0.9 to 1.2m	□ >1.2	\Box bed	not visible		
Water level (tick one) ☐ Flood out of bank ☐ High	(still in channel)	☐ Normal		□ Low				
Flow condition (tick one) ☐ Surging ☐ Stead	у	☐ Slow		□ Still	□ Dry			
Obstacles to fish, flow and other Water and fish need to move freely. Is the Weir / sluice gate	ere an obstruction in th				w or fish movement? n or submerged ti			
☐ Debris Dam	☐ Ford			☐ Other artificial structure				
Predominant riverbed composition	on (tick one)							
☐ Cobble / stone <25cm to >6cm	☐ Gravel/Pebble <6cm - >3mm		☐ Sand <2mm		☐ Silt/mud (Fine muds, not sand)			
(Football to tennis ball) ☐ Leaf litter	(Tennis ball to small pea)		☐ Artificial	concrete)	☐ Not visible			
☐ Other:			(e.g. 10001e 01	consider				
Water quality observations Water Temperature (°C):	Dissolved	d Solids (TDS -	ppm):	Turbidity: _				
	 ☐ 0							
Phosphate (ppb):	□ 0 □ 10	0 🗆 2	00 🗆 3	300 □ 500	□1000	□ 2500		
Nitrate (ppm):	□ 0 □ 10	□ 3	0 🗆 6	50 □ 120	□200			
Additional test:					Units:			
(Only fill out if you have an added test to	complete such as pH, o	dissolved oxygen	, or bacteria – p	nease use the note sec	ποn if necessary)			
Notes								