Friends of the River Frome

Newsletter Summer 2013



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Himalayan Balsam and you

Dates for your diary

20 June – 10.30am outside the Cheese and Grain with long sleeves, long trousers, gloves and shoes suitable for slopes.

6 July – 16.30 – Frome Festival Riverbank Litter Pick from Cheese and Grain

18 July – 10am Balsam Day based at the Key Centre

10 August - 10.30 am at a place to be arranged

7 September - 10.30am at a place to be arranged

Every Thursday - 10.30am at a place to be arranged

See <u>www.fromeriverfriends.org.uk</u> for the updates on places to meet.

Tuck in to avoid Lyme's Disease

Out in the country? Tuck your trousers into your socks and have long sleeves with cuffs, or tucked into gloves. This helps prevent the ticks which carry that disabling disease from finding your skin.

Nick part 2 on FromeFM

This is live on 22 June at 10.30am on 96.6 or can be found on the internet: http://fromefm.co.uk/archive/meandering/130622-meandering-meandering.mp3

How to find our History

Copies of the newsletter are now on our web-site www.fromeriverfriends.org.uk A new button has appeared in the list on our front page. "Newsletters" will get you through to copies from the last two years. In addition Nick prepared a brief and meaty history of Friends of the River Frome which greatly appealed to me so I have put it on our second page.

Treasurer needed

Our excellent treasurer is moving away and we need a volunteer to replace him.

Training for Himalayan Balsam Surveys

Three carloads of us have been along the river with the Avon Invasive Weeds Officer learning how to survey weeds. This will enable us to plan our outings and measure our progress.

Date 1993	Activity/Event Local resident Jim Brownlie organises The River Frome Conservation Project supported by Frome Town Council and Mendip District Council. Environmental Education Resource Centre (EERC) established in the library.	Chair
1994	Phase I of the project The River Frome Conservation Project completed - Clearing and planting of bank alongside the Frome Library.	
Jan 1997	Environment Agency 'Somerset Frome Action Plan' by Mr C.McDermott of Landmark Environmental Consultancy	
April 1997	Friends of the River Frome registered as a charity 1062090	Brian Potter
2006/2007	Erection of disabled access gate, stile and fencing along Rodden Meadow	
2007-2009	Vision For Frome (V4F) consultation which FRF submit proposals. V4F final draft shows strong support for improvements and maintenance to the river environment through the town. Support from residents, Town Council and local NGO's (FROGS, Millenium Green etc).	
July 2008	Mendip D.C. review Frome Conservation Area plan - FofRF submit proposal for changes which are accepted.	
Aug 2008	Somerset Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund grant £5000 for River Frome refurbishment.	John Hyde
Nov 2008	Cartwright-Hignett Charitable Trust grants £500	
Dec 2008	MDC Time to Plan consultation - FRF submit detailed questions and proposals	
April 2009	Barclays Bank grant £500 for general support of local organisation	
June 2009	Mendip D.C. grant £2000 - General river enhancement	
June 2009	The Conservation Foundation grant £500 - planting native species plants	
July 2009	Grass Roots grant £930 - planting native species plants	
Sept 2009	After consultation with residents FRF organise clearance of banks along Willow Vale.	
Jan 2010	Somerset Standard local newspaper names us their 'Group of the Year'	
Aug 2010	Rodden Meadow information boards designed. Installed by Frome Town Council	Dorothy Anne Bryant
Jan 2011	FoRF donate £250 to FROGS plans for enhancements to Welshmill play area and woods.	
Sept 2011	Frome Town Council Open Spaces Strategy - FRF contribute to consultation	
Aug 2012	Frome Town Council agree to fund a River Strategy report to be developed by FoRF	Nick Ray
Jan 2013	Frome Town Council unanimously agree to adopt the River Strategy report. FTC fund us to provide more detailed costings for three of the report's proposals to enable them to apply for grant funding from Mendip District Council Legacy Fund.	
April 2013	Frome Town Council apply for £150,000 grant for three projects outlined in our Strategic Review.	
May 2013	Frome Town Council Community Grant £300	