



## Newsletter May 2015

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Hello to all River Friends.

Here is the latest news from Friends of the River Frome.

There's certainly no time to get bored with so much fun stuff to get involved with this summer! Come and join in with a really friendly bunch of volunteers. Hope to see you. Nick.

### **NEXT LITTER PICK - Monday 8th June 4:30-6:00pm Cheese & Grain**

We have started to do regular litter picks around the Cattle Market car park on the Monday following each monthly Frome Supermarket.

We want to do a bit more than litter picking now. We think the shrub beds and paths could do with a regular bit of maintenance.

**So if you fancy a bit of weeding and tidying then bring a trowel and fork with you, as well as the usual stout shoes and gloves.**

Litter pickers and bin bags will be provided.

### **BALSAM BASHING 2015**

As reported previously, Dorothy Anne is girding herself for organising this year's Balsam clearing work. Our aim this year is the realistic one of clearing the town council area banks up to 5 metres from the river. There will also be work parties working from Witham Friary downstream towards Frome as far as we can. The work done in previous years has proved very effective in reducing the problem.

If at all possible come to the Festival Balsam Bash launch on **Thursday 9 July 10:30** at the Cheese and Grain when we will be making our first forays along the river. Come and meet and support other helpers.

**We are VERY KEEN to recruit someone to help Dorothy Anne with the organisation of this important environmental work.**

If you would like to do some 'bashing' or can offer some admin help then please do contact Dorothy Anne on 01373 300583 or [doff@brilyant.org](mailto:doff@brilyant.org) for more information.

### **FREE TEA IN THE PARK**

Get a FREE cuppa at the Victoria Park cafe! Frome Town Council are joining in with National Volunteers' week with a series of workshops and events and finishing with a free afternoon tea for all volunteers in the town. Contact the Town Council to find out more about volunteer events and book your free cuppa.

### **F.R.O.G.S. WILDLIFE WALK**

FROGS plan to run a small number of Wildlife Walks again this summer. The first will be on **Sunday 21 June - Birds at Midsummer** - led by Dan Lupton.

You are warmly invited to join them for this walk along Willow Vale and Rodden Meadow. Meet 9:00am at the Town Bridge end of Willow Vale. Please bring binoculars if you have them. There is a charge of £2 per person, but children are free and welcome - they remain the responsibility of their parents/carers at all times.

Sorry, no dogs, please.

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