Together for Good – Wild Waters Festival

Bradford on Avon is one of the Wild Waters Festival communities, each putting on events between 31 May and 15 June. We share being on the river Avon or one of its tributaries, from Bradford on Avon to Batheaston.



Early in the morning of the Festival's first day in Bradford on Avon, we stood on the Packhorse bridge hearing the dawn chorus all around us. Then slowly walked along the river path listening as we went.

Those of the 17 who stayed to have a picnic breakfast added swifts to the list of birds seen and we saw two song thrushes out searching for worms.



In the evening around 70 came to "Nature-based solutions to Flooding" a discussion forum with six expert speakers.

What is 'Our River' like?

How has it flooded in the past?

How can flooding be managed?

Nature-based Solutions – What, Where, When? (2 speakers)

What Policy and Legislation is there in the UK today? Do they include Nature-based Solutions?

We are one of the 13 parishes taking part in this (first) Wild Waters Festival, all putting on river-themed community events to celebrate the river but also to draw attention to the pressures on it from both climate change and loss of biodiversity.

Walks, photography, discovery, nature safaris, concerts and music, the film River by Jennifer Peedom, a pub quiz at the Hop Pole, and much more. See here for all the events in the Festival.