# SOUTH EAST RIVERS TRUST CORPORATE VOLUNTEERING BROCHURE



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## Who are we?

We are a grassroots environmental charity working to bring rivers and their catchments back to life.

Our mission is to deliver outstanding ecosystem enhancement through science-based action collaboration, education and engagement.

We work with local communities to deliver high quality river and catchment enhancement projects, improving the health of our rivers for both people and wildlife

### Activities

#### **River Cleanups**

Rubbish in our rivers is a big problem. Not only is it unsightly, it also has a huge environmental impact; harming wildlife and leaking chemicals and pollutants into the water. If it's not picked up, it often makes its way into our oceans where it can persist for hundreds of years, damaging marine ecosystems and even ending up in our food chain as micro-plastics.

This full day activity is not a normal litter pick! Don waders and get into the the river to help remove everything from shopping trolleys to mattresses.

Cost: £2000 + VAT

Suitable for 15-20 people

#### **River restoration**

Rivers have been modified by humans for thousands of years for agriculture, , industry and flood prevention. Unfortunately this often has a detrimental impact to the way rivers function and the available habitat for wildlife.

If you fancy getting some hands on experience of how we work to improve river habitats, join us to restore and re-wiggle a river!

This type of event usually takes place over multiple days so is ideal for groups who are happy to split into smaller teams.

Cost: Project dependent, please enquire for more details.

Suitable for 10 -15 people per day over 2-3 days.

#### **Invasive Plant Management**

Plants like Himalayan balsam and pennywort are invasive species that spread rapidly, covering river banks and waterways. They prevent other plants from growing and have a negative impact on river function and native wildlife.

Pulling or cutting these plants by hand is the best method of control so we need your help to tackle it! This is a fun, hands on team activity, with options to work from the bank or in the river in waders.

Cost: £2000 + VAT

Suitable for 15-30 people

#### **Guided Walks and Talks**

Want to learn more about your local river but don't fancy a practical event?

Our knowledgeable staff can pay a visit to your office, or lead your team on a guided walk to help you get to know your local river, the issues it faces and the work we are doing to improve it.

Cost: from £400 + VAT

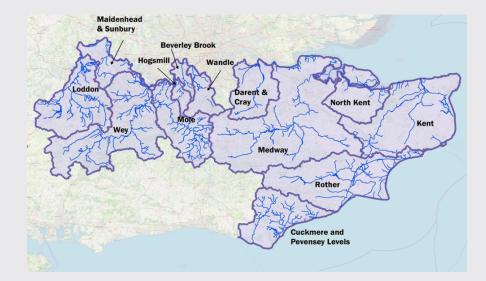
#### **Other Activities**

We often have other opportunities such as introducing gravels, planting, hedge laying or managing riverside vegetation.

These activities can cater for groups of up to 30.

Please get in touch with our team for more information on the activities available in your area.

## **Useful Information**



#### Locations

We cover twelve rivers and their catchments in the south east.

Please get in touch to see if we can offer something on your local river.

#### What's Included?

#### An experienced team leader.

You will be guided on the day by our experienced and knowledgeable staff.

#### Tools and equipment.

We provide all of the necessary tools, equipment and PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for the task at hand.

#### **Refreshments.**

Light refreshments including tea, coffee, biscuits and a selection of snacks will be provided but please bring your own lunch and water bottle.



All of our events are fully risk assessed and insured.

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Our outstanding volunteering days are carefully constructed to deliver a unique river experience.

Get hands on with your team to help improve your local river and learn about how you can protect these vital ecosystems.

#### Make a positive difference

Our rivers are struggling globally due to a wide range of man-made pressures such as pollution, loss of habitat and climate change.

By choosing a corporate volunteering day with us you will not only accomplish something amazing on the day, you will support our work to improve rivers and their catchments for people and wildlife across the south east of England.

#### **Benefit from volunteering**

- Encourage teamwork and collaboration
- Build skills and self confidence
- Enjoy a fun day out of the office, in a blue-green urban oasis
- Learn about the value of rivers, the issues they face and how we can protect them
- Enhance staff retention rates by building employee satisfaction
- Meet your company's CSR commitments

## GET IN Touch

If you'd like more information or to book an event with us, please drop us an email at:

volunteering@southeastriverstrust.org.uk

Please get in touch at least six weeks before your chosen volunteering date.

