



Lower River Crane Community Learning and Conservation

Organisation:

Friends of the River Crane Environment

Initial funding request:

This project built on previous environmental improvement and community engagement projects which the Friends of the River Crane Environment and partners have delivered in the green spaces along the River Crane. This funding enabled us to provide a programme of education with local schools, a programme of community learning which taught traditional conservation skills and walks and talks, and a Green Gym in the London Borough of Richmond.

Grant: £13,950

Date awarded: June 2015

What did it achieve:

Feedback from the volunteers and local people has been very positive over the last year as the cumulative impact of the projects can be seen. Participants reported that they had benefited from working in a team, meeting new people and seeing the tangible outcome of their efforts. Sites along the river have all benefited from cumulative maintenance over the last year so that they all have improved habitat and are an improved natural asset for local people to enjoy.

What did it mean to you:

As a result of the project local people have new skills and understanding of their local environment, and we have been able to foster links between young people and local outdoor spaces. We have shown that the local community can make an incremental impact on the local open spaces. We were delighted that as a result of the success of the community learning sessions the land owner Richmond Council has agreed to fund some sessions for the winter season in 2017 run on the same model as this project. We were also able to attract match funding for a parallel project of walks and talks funded through Richmond Civic Pride Awards for 2016. More information www.force.org.uk

Funding programme:

Communities for Tomorrow

Heathrow Community Fund



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