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Friends of the River Crane Environment have been awarded £4,977 from the Civic Pride Fund to allow them to organise a series of different projects to promote awareness of the Lower Crane Valley.

The Fund will allow FORCE to run a number of themed walks and talks, an opportunity for residents to take part in workshops and a schools engagement project in the form of an art competition. Each project aims to promote awareness of the Lower Crane Valley and its open spaces to local people by highlighting different aspects of the Lower Crane Valley's exceptional ecology.

The central theme of each of these projects will be the promotion of the Borough's open spaces to local people as a community asset. The projects aim to emphasise how the river corridor is of great environmental value and additionally offers health, wellbeing and leisure opportunities for all residents.

Cabinet Member for Community, Planning and the Voluntary Sector, Cllr Susan Chappell said:

"The Civic Pride Fund awards grants to local organisations who work to improve and promote our Borough to residents and visitors alike. We are always delighted to support any projects that encourage the exploration and maintenance of our many beautiful green spaces."

The Civic Pride Fund is available to individuals or groups who want to organise a project or event to improve their local area and deliver more for their local communities. Grants of up to £5k are available to organisations and £1k for individuals.

The Council distributes over £100k per year to individuals and groups that apply for a Civic Pride grant.

Visit our website for more information on the Council's Civic Pride Award. Alternatively, call 020 8487 5259 or email Harriet Steele at harriet.steele@richmond.gov.uk.

Notes for editors:

Further Information:

If you are a journalist and would like further information about this press release, contact Julia Sandston on 02088917160

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