

CHAIR - RIVER COLNE PROJECT

Just retired and looking for a volunteer role improving our environment? Or do you have some spare time on your hands and want to do something meaningful for your local community.

If you would like a leading and challenging role to further a highly successful project now in its ninth year, this might be for you.

The River Colne Project is an exciting and dynamic project that continues to widen its horizons whilst still maintaining a focus on improving the environment of the River Colne, historically between Marsden and Milnsbridge. The wide range of completed projects is testament to the support gained by the project and its ability to consistently deliver high quality projects that benefit residents, businesses and visitors to the area.

We now require a new chair to help drive the Project into a new phase and assist in the delivery of its programme of river related, environmental regeneration projects.

We have secured funding to run a programme of projects until August 2009 and will continue to develop further funding opportunities as they arise. An overview of existing projects and the new autumn/winter programme can be seen in the enclosed new River Guardian newsletter. Back copies of the River Guardian recording completed projects have also been enclosed.

An important role of the Chair will be to help direct the project, both in terms of turning ideas into reality and implementing work programmes, supported by a volunteer and committed management group. There will also be regular contact with the River Colne Project Officer and his Assistant in the running of the project. The River Colne Project is administered by Environmental Alliance Ltd, a Not for Profit Company Limited by Guarantee. The company is based in Huddersfield and has been involved with river-related and greenspace projects for over 10 years..

The River Colne Project Officer is Mick Smith who has been in post since February 2004 and the Assistant River Colne Project Officer is Jim Bunting who started in April 2008.

Attributes

- Determination and a vision to see the quality of our rivers improved dramatically for the benefit of all.
- Proven experience of project management and able to support, inspire and encourage a dedicated professional and volunteer team.
- Knowledge of funding streams and the ability to help secure money for projects.
- The ability to work effectively with people at all levels.
- A strategic thinker with experience of building links with public and private organisations and securing their support.
- To act as a sounding board for the Project Officers when projects are being developed and to help steer them accordingly.
- To chair the 6 weekly meeting of the River Project Management Group and the 6 monthly River Forum.

If you would like to find out more please contact Steve Drury or Mick Smith below

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