

Watercress & Winterbournes

Bourne Rivulet

Local communities are coming together on an exciting landscape-scale Heritage Lottery Funded project called Watercress & Winterbournes. The project aims to have robust headwater habitats and built heritage now and in the future. Watercress & Winterbournes is in its development phase and has a real emphasis on community engagement.

Maggie Shelton from the Wildlife Trust explains, "Community collaboration is essential to the success of this project. As Community Catchments Officer, I meet with local people in relaxed community-focussed events. Here we share knowledge and stories about heritage, invasive species, access, education, plants and animals, over a cup of tea. A follow-up event allows us to discuss and choose potential projects for inclusion in the Lottery bid. If successful, there will be 5 years' worth of funding and support.



Maggie Shelton, HIWWT

I am running these events right now in each catchment. These give local residents the opportunity to help decide the direction of Watercress & Winterbournes in their area. If you care about nature, history, walking or you just love where you live, come along and join your local event. I would really value your input."

If you would like to find out a bit more, you can search the web for: Watercress & Winterbournes HIWWT, or you can contact Maggie on 01489 77 44 28 or Maggie.shelton@hiwwt.org.uk

The next event for the Bourne Rivulet will be:

- Friday 16th November; 7 – 9pm; Hurstbourne Tarrant Community Centre**
Reviewing and refining ideas for potential projects so far; Thinking about who and how?
Sharing knowledge about the wider community
Refreshments: cheese & wine.

There is no booking system in place, however it would be helpful for Maggie to know rough numbers for seating and refreshments, so please do drop her a line.

