

How can you keep your river healthy and clean?

In a series of articles Norfolk Rivers Trust will provide advice to help maintain the health of our globally rare chalk streams and lowland rivers in Norfolk. In times of drought and hot weather it is especially important because of the wildlife our rivers support. Endangered white clawed crayfish, brown trout, eels, and water voles are just a few of the iconic species at risk in Norfolk and you can do your bit to help protect them.

Water use and pollution: East Anglia is one of the driest regions in the country and water security is becoming increasingly compromised due to excessive abstraction and water waste as well as increasingly long dry spells. While we have a large proportion of agricultural land use, most of the water abstracted in East Anglia is actually for domestic consumption. The average person uses 140 litres of water per day so by reducing water use in your home you can directly reduce the impact on Norfolk's rivers. Reducing the use of cleaning products and chemicals around the home will help reduce the chemical load in our rivers and maintain a healthier stream. Checking your septic tank regularly can also reduce pollution in our rivers. If you see any sewerage, pollution or chemical damage in a river please report it to the Environment Agency on 0800 80 70 60 as soon as possible.

If you are a landowner with riparian land and would like to talk to us about restoration and rewilding please do get in touch with us at Norfolk Rivers Trust. We offer a wide range of services including surveys, restoration and management advice. Email info@norfolkriverstrust.org