

SURVEY ANALYSIS



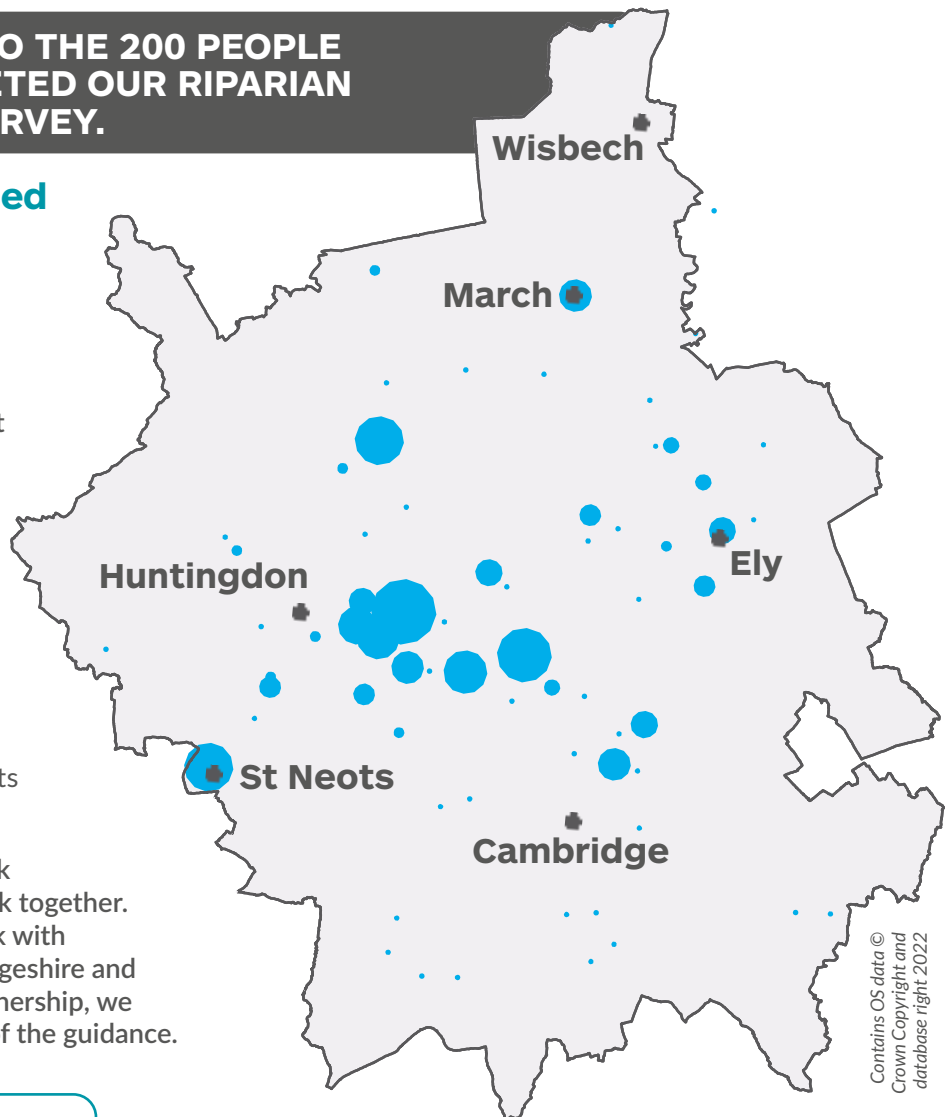
THANK YOU TO THE 200 PEOPLE WHO COMPLETED OUR RIPARIAN GUIDANCE SURVEY.

How you have shaped the guidance?

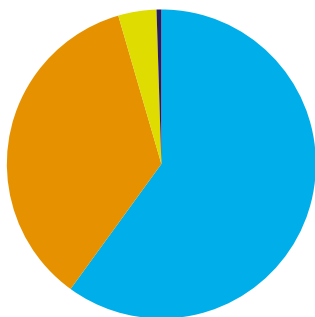
We have split the guidance up into separate sub-documents to meet the varying needs across different communities. The survey indicated people who don't live, own or tenant land on or next to a watercourse don't necessarily want to know about watercourse maintenance or reinstatement, so by splitting the guidance into different sections we hope people can find the information they need easier.

We've also taken care to incorporate your queries and information requests into the guidance as much as we can.

Many respondents indicated that risk management authorities should work together. You'll be pleased to note we do work with other authorities under the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Flood and Water Partnership, we consulted this group in the making of the guidance.



Does a watercourse pass through or next to land which you live on, tenant or own?



■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't know ■ Blank

Where you are from?

The majority of responses came from St Ives and surrounding villages, notably Willingham. A significant number of responses also came from the towns of St Neots and Ramsey.

The map above shows the locations of survey respondents, with the circle diameter representing the number of respondents.

60% of responders live on, tenant or own land beside a watercourse. 35.5% of responders do not, 4% don't know and 0.5% did not answer.

What you asked us for?

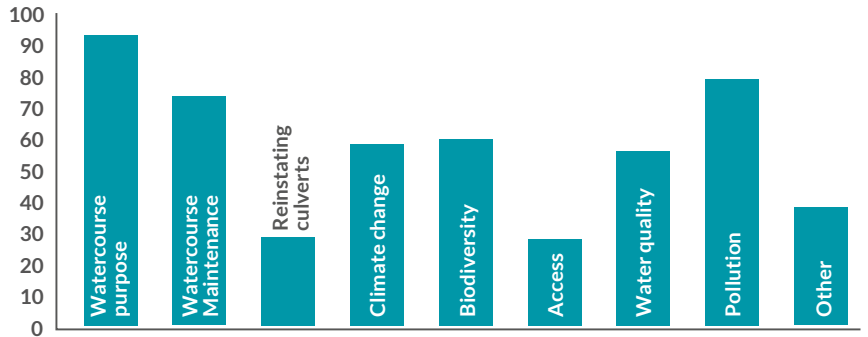
We asked you what information you would like to know about watercourses in your area:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The purpose of different watercourses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to improve biodiversity on watercourses |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engineering/construction advice on how to maintain a watercourse | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to improve access to watercourses |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engineering/construction advice on how to re-naturalise/reinstate a culverted (piped) watercourse | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to prevent future pollution to watercourses |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information about watercourses and climate change | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other (please state: _____) |

Content of the guidance

We note that watercourse purpose, reducing pollution, and maintenance advice were the most popular responses.

We have provided information on our guidance documents about how watercourses are used to store surface runoff from adjacent land and move it through the water catchment into progressively larger watercourses, until it reaches the sea.



Our community focused document [The Watercourse Maintenance guide](#) covers removing litter and fly tipping from watercourses, which reduces pollutants and [The Watercourse Reinstatement Guide](#) reinstatement covers methods which can be used reduce pollutants in watercourses.





For more information on reducing pollution in watercourses please contact Anglian Water and the National Farmers Union.

www.anglianwater.co.uk/environment/what-is-a-pollution
www.nfuonline.com/cross-sector/environment

The Cambridgeshire Climate Change and Environment Strategy highlights Water Management (including flood risk) and Peatlands, as two of their nine priority areas.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/climate-change-energy-and-environment/climate-change-and-environment-strategy>

Biodiversity considerations are covered in both The Watercourse Maintenance Guide and The Watercourse Reinstatement Guide



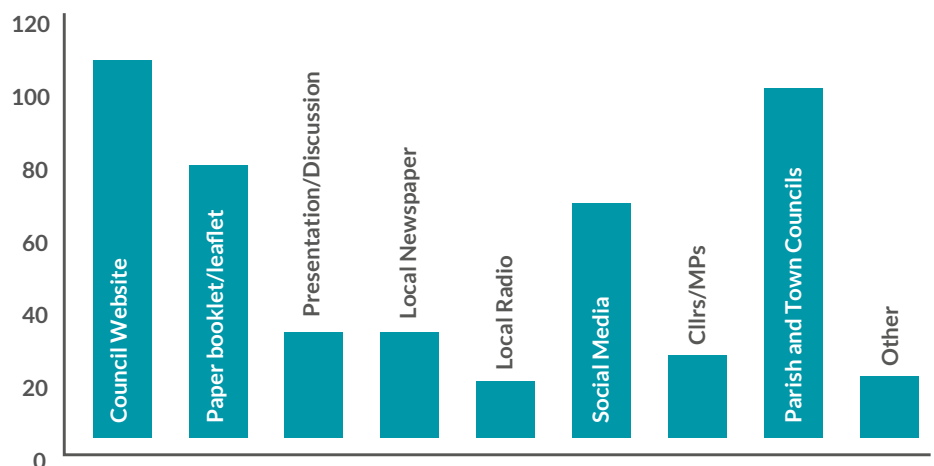
? Communication: You Also Asked For...

We also asked how you would like to receive information about watercourses, giving the following options:

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| • Council website | • Social media e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram |
| • Printed booklet/leaflet | • Information from Councillors and Members of Parliament |
| • Via a presentation/discussion | • Via Parish and Town councils |
| • Local newspaper | • Other (please state: _____) |
| • Local radio | |

We note that the most popular choices were the Council website, Parish and Town councils, a printed booklet/leaflet, and social media, so these will be the main ways we can disseminate the guidance.

However as 92.5% of responders provided their location, we can provide the guidance in more targeted ways for different communities.



Frequently Asked Questions



Who to contact about concerns/problems with the watercourse?

We cover this in Roles and Responsibilities for Flood Risk Management Authorities



How to prevent culvert blockages? How to remove silt?

We covered these queries in The Watercourse Maintenance Guide



Who is responsible for maintenance? Is there proof of watercourse ownership? How to motivate others to undertake their maintenance responsibilities?

We covered these queries in our document Rights and Responsibilities for Watercourse Maintenance



How to stop people filling in my watercourse?

You can use the document: Roles and Responsibilities for Flood Risk Management Authorities to determine the managing authority for your watercourse.

Then you can use the Resources document to contact the risk management authority, who may be able to take enforcement actions for the culvert removal.



How can I reduce my flood risk?

Information for communities on how to reduce local flood risk is available from the National Flood Forum: <https://nationalfloodforum.org.uk/>



How to retain water for wildlife in dry periods?

Watercourse re-naturalisation is covered in The Watercourse Reinstatement Guide. Natural flood management techniques may also be useful for retaining water in times of low flow.

Natural Flood Management guidance from the CaBA is available at <https://catchmentbasedapproach.org/learn/what-is-natural-flood-management/>



Contact us

If you require assistance accessing any data or information discussed above, have a query, or would like more information about a topic or relating to your site, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

floodandwater@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or Call 0345 045 5200 between 9am-5pm Monday to Friday, ask for a member of the Flood Risk team.



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