

Ongoing Water Quality Monitoring

Equipment

- Water sampling pot (i.e. jam jar/plastic container with string attached)
- Nitrate & phosphate test kits
- Recording form
- Pen

Test kits and recording forms will be posted out to you around a month before the survey month. A water sampling cup can be provided if needed. Please let us know if you would like one.

The survey

- Use the site information pages to locate your sampling site(s).
- Visit your sampling site(s) once during **Jan, Apr, Jul & Oct** (every three months) to collect a small water sample.
- Test this water sample using the quick kits for nitrate and phosphate levels. You can see a demonstration video of the kits here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=63teHzPeX4M&t=42s
- Please record your results using the supplied spreadsheet and email this to Hannah (hannah@riverthame.org) after each survey month. The spreadsheet can also be downloaded from our website: www.riverthame.org/get-involved/volunteering/surveys/water-quality

Health and safety

For health and safety advice please read our volunteer starter pack (www.riverthame.org/get-involved/volunteering/volunteer-starter-pack/). It is not necessary to enter the water while undertaking this survey. Do not undertake the survey if it does not look safe to do so (i.e. the river is in flood, adverse weather conditions, dense scrub) and always wash your hands after undertake the survey.

Contact us

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch. Please always let us know if you experience an accident or incident while undertaking your surveys. We always appreciate your feedback, so please let us know if there is information and extra support you feel we should be providing.

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For more information on the survey please visit our website:

www.riverthame.org/volunteering/water-quality-monitoring-surveys/