



Thames Valley Network

Network Collaborative Project

U3A Thames Valley Network Riverside Project



The U3A Thames Valley Network Riverside Project is an ambitious project. It is a Network Collaborative Project.

Throughout 2010 and 2011, U3As will combine to walk and study the Thames Path and its environs and study/survey the river and riverside. Whilst walkers walk the Thames Path, other groups will study aspects of the path and river environs that are of interest to them. Those involved could include photographers, bird watchers, walkers, historians, artists, naturalists - the potential list is almost endless - even quilters could get involved making a quilt of the Thames. These activities may give rise to studies in greater depth of particular aspects of the riparian landscape (e.g. river engineering, churches, watercraft, painting, flora and fauna, settlements, etc).

The project will culminate in a 3 day residential Study School to be held in October 2011 at Wellington College to bring together all the results of the project.

The twin project objectives are:

- (a) To walk and study the Thames Path from its source to the eastern edge of the Thames Valley Network area to gain information on the Thames Path and environs for presentation at the final Study School; and
- (b) to get U3As working together throughout the Network.

There will be an initial planning meeting in Goring Village Hall on Wednesday 21 April 2010. Members of U3As from across the Network will put in place a programme of initial activities, including walks, as well as discuss the best means of communication and coordination for planning and collating the different aspects of project.

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