

Volunteers are transforming the River Meon—one plant at a time.

Local conservationists are taking action to protect this precious waterway, tackling invasive Himalayan balsam and supporting endangered water voles. The River Meon Conservation Volunteers are making a real difference through hands-on work that boosts biodiversity and strengthens community ties.

From monitoring water quality and detecting pollution to restoring riverbanks and educating others, their efforts are helping native species thrive. Recent work in Meonstoke and Warnford has already shown positive results, with improved habitats and greater ecological resilience.

Group chair Pam Eastwood highlights the importance of collaboration, while long-time member Stephen Short shares his expertise with new recruits. The group also promotes wellbeing and encourages people to connect with nature.

The River Meon Conservation Volunteers are inspiring action and inviting new members to join their efforts.

👉 Read the full story in the Meon Valley Times, [here](#).