

Maidenhead to Teddington Catchment Partnership – Lower Thames Catchment Vision Statement

Catchment Partnership in action:

- Dynamic and strong working relationship between representatives of public, local authority, local organisations and local stakeholders forming the partnership group, across the Lower Thames catchment that have agreed to best work together, share resources and expertise, with a shared vision and common goals to improving the current profile and status of the Lower Thames catchment.
- Provides the best single point for open discussion and collaboration for partnership working between the many individual organisations, stakeholders, and people operating across the Lower Thames catchment.
- Promotes the wide range of recreational and leisure opportunities along the River Thames and championing best practise.
- Supports and works with local projects, organisations, and authorities with shared aims and common goals to benefit and improve the Lower Thames Catchment.
- Engage and increase awareness of the risks posed and the value of rivers to the local people.
- Promotes the projects of members, the catchment partnership, and benefits of collaboration to create wide scoping external interest for future investment into the Lower Thames Catchment.

Long term vision for the Lower Thames Catchment:

- An improved quality of the terrestrial and aquatic environment of the Lower Thames Catchment by 2021, for wildlife and people, that is protected and enhanced to safe guard its good health for the future.
- Restore and create natural river habitats and environment, which support a thriving river. Thus enabling and benefiting the movement of wildlife and people throughout the Lower Thames Catchment.
- Sustain a dynamic catchment partnership that connects people with the river, and provides the opportunity for discussion and collaboration between partnership members.
- Ensure the partnership best encompasses and represents the diverse communities and stakeholders across the Lower Thames Catchment for decision making and delivery of local projects.

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- Raise awareness and promote opportunities for education about the Lower Thames Catchment.
- The Lower Thames Catchment Partnership is represented and integrated in wider decision making processes and plans.
- The Lower Thames Catchment Partnership will seek sustainable outcomes.