



**The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators**



## **THE WATER CONSERVATION TRUST**

(Registered Charity No. 1007648)

### **SPONSORED WALK**

## **RIVER THAMES – BOURNE END & COOKHAM**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

### **Supporting our Schools Education Programme**

To raise funds for our schools programme the Water Conservation Trust (the charity of the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators) is organising a sponsored walk for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020 along the River Thames from Bourne End to Cookham to Spade Oak Reach.



**River Thames at Bourne End**

If you would like to support the walk and help raise money for the Water Conservation Trust please complete the slip below or e mail [rob.casey@thameswater.co.uk](mailto:rob.casey@thameswater.co.uk) to register for the event. The walk, around 6 miles in length, will take around 2.5 hours to complete, starting from the Bourne End Railway Station at 12 noon on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and finishing at the same location. Walkers arriving by car can park either along local roads or in the Bourne End railway station car park (£2.50 for the day). The train service from Maidenhead departs at 11:29 and arrives in Bourne End at 11:41 am (trains run every 60 minutes). The walk route will follow the River Thames to Cookham then north along the Strand Stream and the foot of Winter Hill escarpment to Spade Oak Reach, returning to Bourne End via a footpath along the river. Walkers can either bring sandwiches or enjoy a late lunch at the Bounty PH alongside the River Thames at Bourne End. The Bounty has plenty of outside space for walkers to eat whilst observing social distancing. The walk route uses good wide footpaths with public access except one short narrow footpath for 50 yards where we might need to split into groups of 2-3 to practice social distancing at passing places with any walkers in the opposite direction. As the route follows established footpaths normal walking shoes should suffice, however, walkers are advised to watch out for tree roots along some sections.

## The Water Conservation Trust

The Water Conservation Trust is the Charity of the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators. All members of the Company are committed to supporting charity work. The Trust's main objectives are to further education and research in the water cycle, waste management and the environment, with a view to its conservation. Key activities include:-

- Supporting projects in schools and giving prizes to encourage science and environmental learning.
- Bursaries for Masters' students studying water and environment subjects at selected UK universities and Dissertation Prizes for the best Master's thesis on relevant subjects at each university.
- Awards to a range of organisations which have established links with the Company, for example, the cost of a berth on a training ship for the Maidstone Sea Cadets' Cadet of the Year.

The Trust relies on Company members' giving and fund-raising events, such as sponsored walks, to support the Schools Education Programme (see the **Charity Update** on the Company's website for details). By taking part in the walk, or sponsoring a walker, members can help expand the Trust's activities with schools. Over the last few years the Trust has worked with many schools and recent projects include:-

- The installation of a pond and aquarium at Ruislip School to encourage science and environmental learning.
- Support to Ysgol-y-Gogarth, a day and residential special school to develop education and training facilities
- The installation of a safety grid to save a pond at Hillside School Orpington for science studies.
- The installation of water butts to collect rainwater and a natural pond, plus the purchase of microscopes, at Lent Rise Primary School, Burnham.
- At Hugh Myddelton School projects have included the successful makeover of the wildlife area, a safety grid for a pond inside the school building, a weather station to support the STEM Club and furniture plus lab coats for a new STEAM classroom at the school.
- The funding of river education packs to support 21 schools in Huddersfield with river education visits.
- Equipment for an outdoor growing area at the London Welsh School
- The Trust has also awarded pupil prizes to schools for projects associated with science and environmental learning

To participate in the Sponsored Walk please post this slip or email [rob.casey@thameswater.co.uk](mailto:rob.casey@thameswater.co.uk) to return no later than Friday 25th September 2020

### I would like to participate in the 2020 Sponsored Walk and bring ..... guests

Name .....

Address.....

E mail.....

Name(s) of guest(s)

First Name.....Surname.....

First Name.....Surname.....

Please return by post to Rob Casey, 46 Chalklands, Bourne End, Bucks. SL8 5TJ  
or email [rob.casey@thameswater.co.uk](mailto:rob.casey@thameswater.co.uk) Confirmation will be by email sent to your email address or by post with details of how to set up your own fund raising page.

### If you can't join the walk you can sponsor us using the following link to our Virgin Money Giving page

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RobCasey1>

Click on donation and search on Rob Casey to ensure the donation goes via my page. The funding page is in my name to ensure we are able claim for matched funding from Thames Water's Charity Committee. Hence your contribution could be multiplied by 2 in terms of the funding we raise and can make a real difference to the schools.

Alternatively send a cheque made out to the Water Conservation Trust to our Treasurer Peter Hall at the following address

6 Bluebell Drive, Burghfield Common, Reading, Berkshire, RG7 3EF