

BOLSTERING THE BOLLIN



The Bolstering the Bollin project offers farmers and landowners unique opportunities to get involved with a partnership that is focussed on improving the quality of the living landscape of the Bollin Valley through restoring habitats, boosting biodiversity through sustainable agriculture, and creating better links between people, the environment and their food.

We are actively seeking your support to develop the project. Here are a few reasons why you should join us:

- **Bespoke, flexible agreements**, offering support above CS and SFI rates
- A 20-year plan that **balances food production with environmental stewardship**
- **No obligation**; in the first two years you can withdraw at any time without penalties.

We will be holding quiz nights, wellbeing sessions and first aid courses to let you know more about our ambitions for this project and how you can get involved. You can also book a 1:1 session with a farm advisor to talk about Bolstering the Bollin.

For more information on our upcoming events or further details on this project please contact: Clare Bullen - Assistant Director at Mersey Rivers Trust on farming@merseyrivers.org

LINDOW TRAINING

We are providing free water quality training in the new year for the Lindow area. This training is so that we can gather together all the data you collect from the Lindow area, to give us a better understanding of the water quality of the area and where there may be any issues. Please come along if you have never done this before or if you want to refresh your knowledge.



If you are interested in coming please email:
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or
sophie@merseyrivers.org

You can also sign up via our Eventbrite page



INVASIVE SPECIES WORK

As the year is coming to an end, it is time to look back on the amount of work that has gone into tackling the Invasive non-native species on the Bollin.

- 32 working parties/days/events spent tackling INNS
- Approx. 26km of riverbank/brooks covered
- 30,165 ml of Glyphosate used
- Worked with numerous stakeholders including: KRIV, BVP, UU, FOBB, FOTC, BFF, TW and scout groups.
- 231.5 hours controlling Giant Hogweed
- 796.25 hours controlling Himalayan Balsam
- 115.5 hours controlling Japanese Knotweed
- 47 hours (so far at the time of writing this) controlling Rhododendron
- **Total of 1190.25 hours spent controlling INNS**



While there are still a couple of working parties left to do at the time of writing this, so the overall totals will be slightly higher for the whole year of 2024. We would like to say a massive Thank You to everyone who helped with INNS control this year!



VOLUNTEERING AND EVENTS

To see details of our upcoming working parties please visit our Eventbrite page or website. Next events will be published in the new year.

Visit our [Eventbrite page](#) for more details.

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