

River Thames Task Group (RTTG)
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Mission statement

Improve and enhance access and activities along the river Thames which runs through Spelthorne.

The task group seeks to inspire, motivate and deliver short, medium and long-term improvements along the river, engaging with the community through practical participation and by engendering local sense of ownership and responsibility.

Our main aims are:

- Delivering practical projects with tangible outcomes and benefits
- Achieving effective community engagement by working directly with local communities and neighbourhoods
- Working with key partners to help deliver achievable outcomes

To deliver these outcomes in the short term we will focus on:

- Supporting improvements in Sunbury working towards making it a visitor destination.
- Improve visitor access and facilities to enable better use of the river in Shepperton
- Develop access to and from the river Thames in Staines upon Thames to increase economic opportunities

Projects that are nearing completion or have already been delivered are:

- Refurbishment of Shepperton Lock public facility including toilets, new signage, new roof and enhanced refuse facilities.
- Installation of “throw lines” along the entire stretch of the Thames in Spelthorne
- Improved parking areas and parking spaces, river side of the Towpath Shepperton

Short, Medium & Long term proposals

Short term	Aim
New passenger boat jetty in Staines upon Thames	Provide a new jetty in Memorial Gardens creating a boat bus stop used by different passenger boat providers
New & improved signage to be supported by sponsors	Seek sponsorship to install new signage welcoming boat users to our key towns and improve mooring signage at all existing mooring sites.
Improvements to the appearance of Shepperton lock	Formalise parking arrangements roadside, better use of road space for pedestrians, reduce traffic speed
Engagement with the Thames Landscape strategy	Encourage the Thames Landscape Strategy to work on the Spelthorne side of the river Thames
Spend to budget the allocation for 18/19 & 19/20	Make appropriate use of budgets allocated for 18/19 £25k and 19/20 £25k. Producing tangible outcomes as a result of the spend
Map out areas of responsibility	Produce maps for ownership and responsibility of the river bank in Spelthorne
Map out slip ways & provide new signage	Produce maps for slip ways along the river bank in Spelthorne and improve, replace signage where appropriate
Shepperton Lock waste disposal area	Improve access and use of waste disposal area at Shepperton Lock for residents of Hamhaugh Island & river users
Shepperton lock drinking fountain	Install new drinking fountain at Shepperton Lock
Create a web page for RTTG	Create a new web page on the SBC web site detailing the mission statement for the RTTG and its task group activities

Medium term	Aim
Provide additional mooring locations	Review current mooring locations and seek new sites where appropriate which would need to be included in by laws
Protect and improve Wharf areas	Identify map out and promote the wharves currently within Spelthorne
Create a new passenger ferry service between Spelthorne & Elmbridge	Create a new passenger boat ferry that links Sunbury Riverside with Walton Riverside
Engage with river users, both river and land based	Carry out an exercise (potential Survey Monkey) to engage with river users and establish thoughts views & ideas
Assist with proposals to develop access to electric boats	Work with a potential supplier at the Lammas to develop proposals to create a floating pontoon with the provision of publicly rented electric boats
Various river groups	Create a quick view of the various river users group to create a better understanding for all of which group aims to deliver what

Long term	Aim
Provide additional passenger boat routes	Linking Shepperton, Sunbury & Staines as well as locations out of borough along the river
Pedestrian bridge linking Sunbury to Walton over the Thames	Resurrect and review options to create a footbridge over the river Thames in Sunbury linking with Walton on the other side of the river