

APPENDIX A

River Thames Task Group

Short, Medium and Long Term aims

March 2021

Short Term	Aim
New & improved signage to be supported by sponsors	Seek sponsorship and install new signage welcoming boat users to our key towns and improve mooring signage at all existing mooring sites.
Shepperton lock drinking fountain	Install new drinking fountain at Shepperton Lock
Improvements to access at Kings Lawn	Engage with Thames Landscape Strategy and Embroidery gallery to discuss aims and obstacles.
Create a new passenger ferry service between Spelthorne & Elmbridge	Create a new passenger boat ferry that links Sunbury Riverside with Walton Riverside
Work with the Visitor economy group to produce maps of the borough	Research has shown that visitors still like hard copy maps of the towns they are visiting. Producing them now works nicely with the opening of the jetty.
To create an annual land and river clean-up day	Bringing together different river users, TLS and the public
St Peters Church, Staines	Area needs tidying up for mooring space.
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
Long Term	Aim
Identify other areas that need improvements to disabled access along the river	Possibilities to be discussed ASAP.
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
OTHER	
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
Completed	
Improvements to the appearance of Shepperton lock	Formalise parking arrangements roadside, better use of road space for pedestrians, reduce traffic speed.
Refurbishment of Shepperton Lock public facility including toilets, new signage, new roof and enhanced refuse facilities.	
Map out areas of responsibility	Produce maps of ownership and responsibility of the riverbank in Spelthorne.

Shepperton Lock waste disposal area	Improve access and use of waste disposal area at Shepperton Lock for residents of Hamhaugh Island & river users.
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.
Purchased and Installed 14 new “throw lines” along the entire stretch of the Thames in Spelthorne. 20 throw lines have been ordered and given to each of the marked cars within SBC.	Areas they have been implemented: The Magie, Ryepeck Moorings, Thames Court, Burway Rowing Club, Penton Hook Lock, Riverfield Road, Staines Railway Bridge, Staines Town Hall, The Phoenix, The Red Lion, Shepperton Lock Tea Rooms, Riverside Restaurant, The Slug and Lettuce, Lady Lindsey Lawn.
River and land clean-up along the river	We worked alongside The Surrey Canoe Club and 33 volunteers on the 18.07.19 to clean up along the river. Cllr Michele Gibson organised a successful clean-up day on the 29.10.19 to clear litter at the back of Lammas Park and along the riverbank from Staines Town Hall to Thames Lodge Hotel.
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
Joined the Thames Landscape Strategy	To work with them and gain access to their expertise for future work undertaken by the RTTG. Next month they are to begin clearing Laleham, Shepperton and Sunbury and will do Staines next year. This is part of their vegetation management plan.
New passenger boat jetty in Staines	Official opening scheduled for March 2021.
Assist with proposals to develop access to electric boats	It has been agreed that petrol boats can be used for this year only – delays due to Covid. Next year the electric boats will be in service.
Ongoing	Aim
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.

Allocations of projects

Leader councillor, member, officer activities	Activity/project
Cllr Vivienne Leighton (VL)	Chair Jetty- delivered Parking at Shepperton Lock- delivered Thames Landscape Strategy- on-going Better access at Kings Meadow Supporting Sunbury Skiff & Punting Club
Cllr Michele Gibson (MG)	Litter clean up on land and river Electric boat proposal at Lammas Sponsorship/funding
Cllr Mary Madams (MM)	Funding for signage
Cllr Sandra Dunn (SD)	Funding for signage
County Cllr Richard Walsh (RW)	Highway related issues in and around Shepperton lock
Neil Huntingford (NH)	Passenger boat ferry
Chris Murdoch (CM)	RUG 8 representative Litter clean up on land and river
Chris Manners	Funding for signage and advertising
Emma Yates (EY)	All administration tasks associated with the Task Group Web page
Keith McGroary (KM)	Jetty and Visitor Economy Group
Jackie Taylor (JT)	Jetty Shepperton Lock Thames Landscape Strategy
Mark Rachwal (MR)	Mapping