



Wellow Brook Restoration Project – date changes update



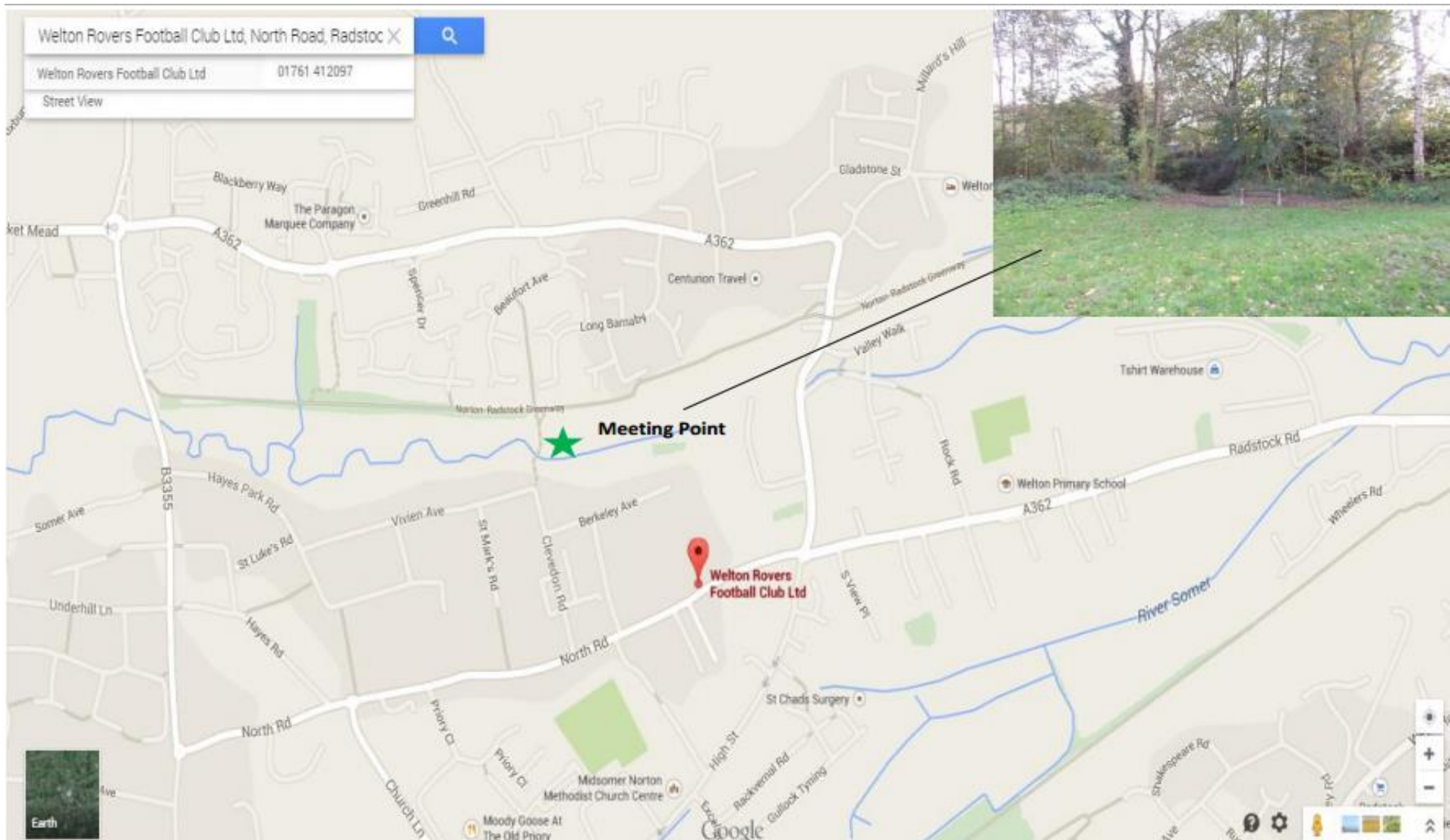
This is a partnership project sponsored by the Environment Agency and delivered by the Bristol Avon Rivers Trust (BART) who, alongside the Wild Trout Trust have been undertaking habitat restoration work in the wider Wellow Brook catchment. The project area for this initiative is focusing on the brook downstream of Thicketmead Bridge, through the open space area and towards the Welton Vale Culvert. The project is aiming to improve the in-river habitat, primarily for fish, but also for other aquatic species such as invertebrates and plants, as well as encouraging local engagement with the river. The work will be focussing on creating in-channel refuge areas, bank side vegetation management including targeted coppicing of trees to allow more light to reach the brook and installation of a ramp to aid access to the river. The project is being led by BART, who are working closely with the local council, landowners, schools and college.

Following a site review volunteers are now only required on the following dates.

Monday 26th January to Friday 30th January.

Depending on progress and weather we may also need volunteer help in the following week. We will keep this email group going to keep you all informed of progress and any additions deletions from the schedule.

I have included a map below showing parking at Welton Rovers Football Club and a route from there to where we are meeting at the side of the Brook.



Please note the car park IS NOT AVAILABLE on Saturdays as these are match days and the car park is therefore reserved for the club.

We will meet at 9.00 each day with the intention of starting work at 9.30 and will generally work until we think it is a sensible point to stop. Please try to be there for the start but feel free to leave when you need to. It would be really helpful to us to know who is coming on which date so can you let me (Ian) know in advance and keep me informed as to your plans.

You will need to bring with you suitable outdoor clothing and footwear as the weather may be inclement and wear enough layers that you can put extra on if you ever stop work and begin to feel the chill. Wellies should be sufficient as we will not all need to be in the water but if you have waders bring them along.

Sturdy gloves are an essential - we will bring some but if you have your own please bring them so we know we have enough.

We will have all the tools we need so you do not need to bring anything.

We will not be able to run a catering tent or provide tea and coffee making facilities because of where we are located so please bring whatever you usually take to sustain yourself during the day - packed lunch, flask, water etc or have a decent breakfast before you arrive. If we have some funds available at the end of the project we will invite you all to a small celebration event to say thank you for your efforts and to brief you as to next steps as we wish to continue our work on the river into the future and you may wish to help on other projects we manage too.

There will be an initial meeting each day when we meet where we run through H&S issues and the risk assessments for the tasks will be available for you to peruse. Please let us know then if any of the tasks we are undertaking which are more or less suitable for you to undertake than others. Whatever you do will be appreciated but none of us must do more than we are capable of.

We look forward to seeing you there.