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A Clear Future for our River





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About us

Bristol Avon Rivers Trust (BART) put healthy rivers at the heart of community life. We use education to empower, environmental enhancements to transform, pioneering research to influence, and advocacy to energise. We work hand-in-hand with companies like yours to deliver meaningful change to create a sense of legacy for our rivers. BART believes that people who spend more time outdoors enjoy better physical and emotional well-being and are happier and more productive as a result.

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Our team building experiences enable employees to build lasting connections with their colleagues, reconnect with themselves and make a positive difference to the world around them. Work with us and your whole company will feel the benefits – and our rivers will too.

Step out of the office. Embrace a new work day enhancing our waterways.

We offer bespoke team building experiences which encourage your employees to grow together as they bring about meaningful change for Bristol's rivers.

By partnering with us, you will be championing a sustainable future for our waterways and inspiring people to cherish rivers.

Why partner with BART

The Bristol Avon and its tributaries are the life blood of our corner of the country and they support a rich diversity of wildlife. The river banks act as pockets of peace away from the bustle of city life, creating a space for relaxation, inspiration and adventure. Without them our region would feel very different.

Yet the Bristol Avon and its tributaries are under intense pressure from a variety of sources. At any given time, our rivers and streams are being compromised by climate change, diffuse pollution, invasive species, human modifications, litter and other forms of pollution.

Be part of the solution!

BART is working for change by investing in our rivers' futures. We're nurturing our rivers, stream and brooks back to health through programmes of restoration and environmental improvements; We advocate healthy rivers for both people and wildlife and aim to put them back at the heart of community life. The work is certainly a challenge, but you and your team can help – no matter how big or small your company is.

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Volunteers at work restoring a river

How will your team benefit?

Our Corporate Enrichment Days provide the perfect platform to get your team out of the office and onto the river bank where they will experience unique, environment-related activities, specifically designed with your interests in mind. The corporate enrichment days can help your team to recharge their batteries, boost morale and productivity. We can tailor make enrichment experiences to help meet your specific objectives and provide your colleagues the chance to operate outside of their comfort zone, push boundaries, think creatively, work strategically and contribute towards the conservation movement.

BART's Corporate Enrichment Days aim to energise and revitalise, by offering hands-on conservation

work that is guaranteed to leave individuals feeling proud about doing something good to improve our environment. Come and spend an Enrichment Day with BART, re-connect with the environment and experience making a difference to our region's waterways. These events encourage employees to work as a team, without the pressure inherent to most other team building days. This experience will add value to your companies Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) which can help with staff retention, increase employee morale and loyalty.

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Our Experiences



River litter clearance

This is far from an average litter pick. Any river corridor litter removal experience is an essential conservation experience, revealing not only the weird and wonderful things that end up in the river, but also the extent to which our rivers are choking on plastic. Inspiring your team to care about their impact on the environment this activity makes a considerable difference to the environment and the visual benefit is incredibly rewarding.



Control invasive species

Himalayan Balsam is doing untold damage to our river banks. This non-native, invasive plant may look pretty in pink, but it grows quickly and colonises the river corridor, and outcompetes native river species. Himalayan Balsam dies off in the winter leaving river banks exposed to high flows, exacerbating erosion. This activity is best implemented during the Summer. A great activity for broadening minds and staff enrichment.



Restoring the river

Enhance river habitat for fish, invertebrates and plants using restoration techniques such as reinstating woody material. Volunteers will witness the river improve throughout the day as a result of your team's assistance with physical restoration. This is certainly one of the most rewarding experiences BART offer. This is an ideal activity for strengthening team work and communication skills.



Manage vegetation and woodland

A river needs light in order to thrive, but overgrown tree canopies limit plant diversity and prevent aquatic plants from naturally restoring many of our rivers. Using bow saws, grass hooks and loppers, your team will help reduce vegetation density and they will use the offcuts to build 'dead hedges' and habitats for an array of wildlife.



Tree planting

Trees can provide a much-needed source of cover keeping rivers cool in the hot summer and provide aquatic and terrestrial habitat. As well as this, trees can reduce run-off and filter pollutants. River banks also benefit from riparian vegetation as soils are bound together by tree roots. Your team could make a lasting contribution to the environment and people by strategically planting native trees.



Guided river walks and talks

Would you like a well-informed appreciation of the local environment, river and to better understand the work that BART delivers? Your team will take part in a bespoke walk along some of our most beautiful and important waterbodies whilst being educated about the countryside and the work BART is doing to restore it to good health.



Yellowfish

Your team could take part in BART's Yellowfish surface water pollution community awareness event. Your team will paint yellow fish above storm drains throughout our urban river catchment and erect information posters to promote the protection of our waterways. This community awareness event is part of a wider Environment Agency national initiative to help protect our waterways from careless surface water pollution.

Or if there is something else that your group would like to participate in, please give us a call to discuss a bespoke day package.

Location and contact details

The Corporate Enrichment experiences are delivered in a number of locations across the Bristol Avon catchment including waterways in Bristol, Bath, North Somerset, Wiltshire and South Gloucestershire.

Email: csr@bristolavonrivertrust.org

All events are led by experienced staff that are first aid trained. All activities will adhere to project specific risk assessments and individuals will be covered by relevant insurance to complete their task.

Looking for a less hands-on experience?

Please get in touch to discover the projects that you could support with a financial contribution, gift-in-kind or water stewardship.



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