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Corporate Volunteering with Bristol Avon Rivers Trust

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corporate volunteer days

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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.

Our nature-led Corporate Volunteer days get teams working outdoors, together for the good of our watercourses. Work with us and your team will feel the benefits - and our rivers will too.

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. Not only do they support a rich diversity of wildlife, but for people they are important pockets of peace away from the bustle of city life, creating a space for relaxation, inspiration and adventure.

Yet the Bristol Avon and its tributaries are under intense pressure from a variety of sources, such as climate change, diffuse pollution, invasive species, human modifications, litter and other forms of pollution.

Our Corporate Volunteer 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 that can help your team to recharge their batteries, boost morale and productivity.

Not only will this experience will add value to your company's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), but it will also leave individuals feeling proud about being **part of the solution**, and doing something good to improve our environment.

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.



Invasive species control

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. A great activity for broadening minds and staff enrichment.



River Restoration

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.

Prices start from £1,700 for groups of up to 20 people.
Please contact us for a bespoke quote.



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.



Tree maintenance

Trees play a vital role in riparian habitats, from leaf litter that enriches the soil with essential nutrients to leafy canopies that provide cooling shade along riverbanks. Volunteers can make a meaningful impact by helping care for our planted trees, ensuring they can continue to thrive and support a healthy, lasting ecosystem.



Guided walks & 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.

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Experience Calendar

Some of our experiences are seasonal, and are only available at certain times of year.
Use our calendar as a guide to find which experiences may be available.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
River litter clearance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Invasive species control					✓	✓	✓					
River Restoration*	✓	✓							✓	✓	✓	✓
Tree planting	✓	✓								✓	✓	✓
Tree maintenance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Guided walks & talks	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

*River restoration events are dependent on aligning with current projects - please get in touch for more information

**BART's experiences are offered throughout a range of locations in
Bristol, Bath, North Somerset, Wiltshire and South Gloucestershire.**



Location and contact details

Our Corporate Volunteer 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@bristolavonriverstrust.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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