

CVF Coronavirus COVID-19 Notice

In view of **the considerable threat posed by the risk of viral transmission through close person to person contact** please note the following:-



- In the light of recent changes to regulations, from 4 July until further notice we **are cautiously** resuming running small outdoor working parties on urgent issues. These are subject to the following precautions; maximum of 6 participants; participants to work >2m apart, unless a closer approach essential, eg for safety reasons; participants to bring and wear gloves; hands to be washed or sanitised before and after the working party; minimising use of shared equipment, but any that is used will be cleaned by participants after use, and quarantined for 3 days; participants will be registered, and are asked to notify us immediately if they develop symptoms after the working party, so we can notify the other participants.
- It is the responsibility of participants to protect your own health, and the health of others. In particular, you should not participate in a working party if you, or anyone you have recently been in close contact with, has recently exhibited covid-like symptoms. We urge anyone who is classified as “clinically vulnerable” or who has been “shielding” to consider very carefully whether your participation is worth the increased risk to your health.
- We shall **not** be organising group field visits, or face-face indoor committee meetings until further notice.
- We will continue our monitoring and campaigning activities and so **welcome** being alerted to River Cam related issues and to any of your observations of INNS (Invasive, Non-Native Species) such as Floating Pennywort or Himalayan Balsam. e-mail: info@camvalleyforum.uk We will continue to maintain a log of observations of INNS on our website, and identify hotspots where individual action would be useful. <https://camvalleyforum.uk/>
- We shall of course continue our occasional **newsletter** *Cam Valley Matters*, edited by David Brooks. Please do send us your River news. e-mail: info@camvalleyforum.uk

- We encourage all our members and supporters to remain engaged with the natural environment to the extent that it is permitted.
- However, irrespective of the dangers of COVID-19, rivers and watercourses are dangerous, particularly if you are on your own. If you wish to carry out conservation work, we strongly advise you to carry out your own risk assessment before starting work. For the avoidance of doubt, note that you will **not** be covered by CVF insurance during these self-organised outings.

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