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Cam Valley Forum

Protecting and improving the
River Cam and its tributaries
since 2001

Nature walks

Trumpington Farm Company, June 2013



2025 nature walks:
Coldhams Brook
and Fulbourn

Tackling Himalayan Balsam

2015



Newnham 2025



2019

Let it Flow!

R Mungovan

*Proposals from the Cam Valley Forum for an
Integrated Water Resource Management Plan for the Cam Valley*

THE PROBLEM NOW: Examples of Cam Valley Chalk streams dried out by over-abstraction:



River Granta at Stapleford: September 2019

Granta headwaters Bartlow Barns: August 2019

Campaigning to save our Chalk Streams

OUR AMBITION: Examples of Cam Valley Chalk streams as they should be:

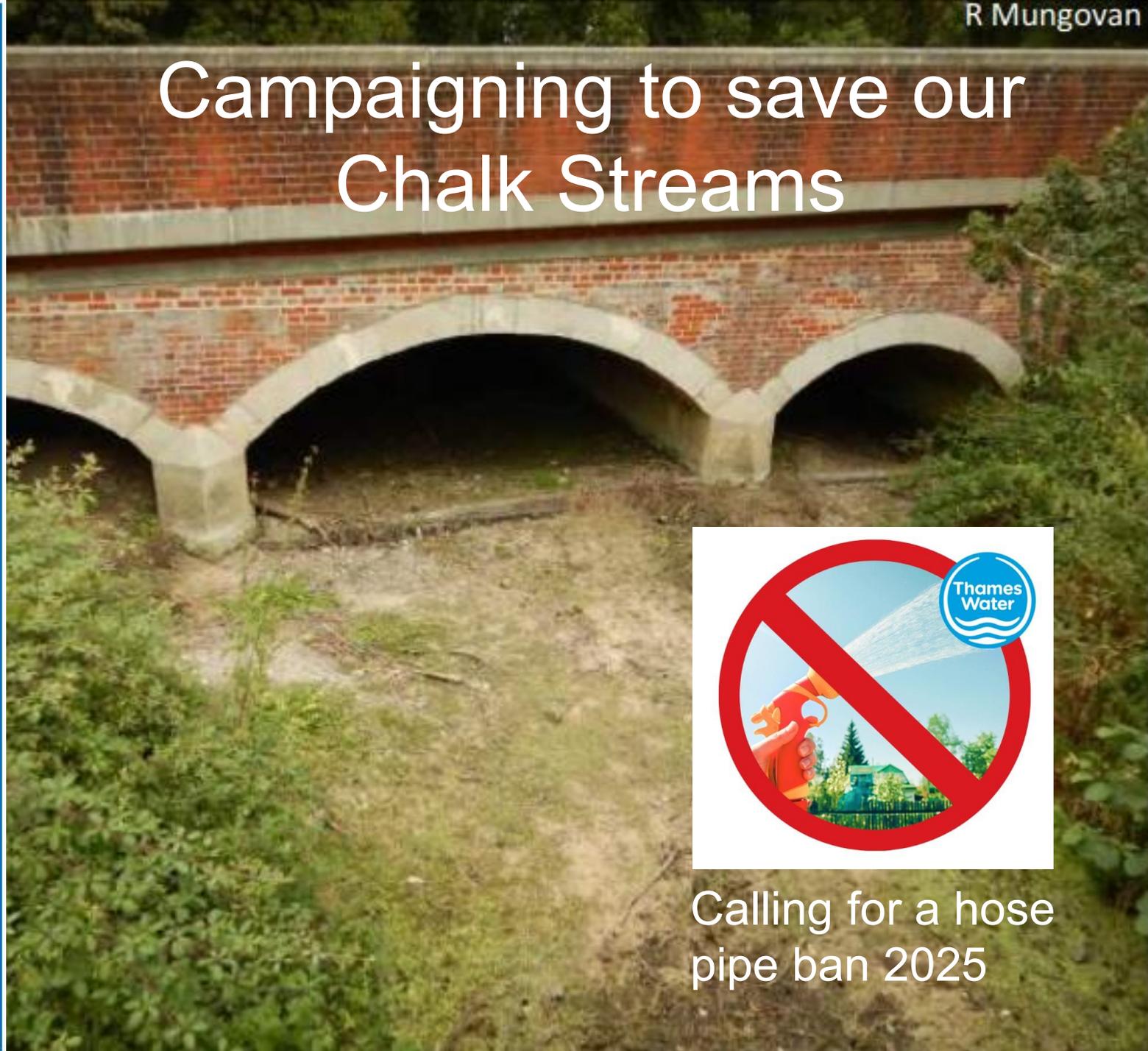


River Mel below Melbourn: May 2010

River Shep at Manor Farm: May 2013

'We hold our natural environment in trust for the next generation. By implementing the measures in this ambitious plan, ours can become the first generation to leave that environment in a better state than we found it and pass on to the next generation a natural environment protected and enhanced for the future.'

Prime Minister's Foreword to [A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment](#).



Calling for a hose
pipe ban 2025

Speaking up for our rivers

2025

Cam Valley Forum response to [3rd Fen Reservoir consultation](#). *December 2025*

Cam Valley Forum submission to the [House of Lords Select Committee on Environment and Climate Change](#), for their inquiry looking at drought preparedness in England. *November 2025*

Cam Valley Forum response to [Cambridge City Council Consultation on Sheep's Green Water Course creation](#) *Oct 2025*

Cam Valley Forum response to [Local Nature Recovery Strategy](#) *Sept 2025*

Cam Valley Forum response to [Cunliffe review of water industry regulation](#) *April 2025*

Cam Valley Forum response to [CSET busway consultation](#). *Feb 2025*

Cam Valley Forum response to [Cambridge Water's pre-consultation for 2027 drought plan](#). *Jan 2025*

Cam Valley Forum Response to the Cunliffe review.

Answers to Questions from the Call for Evidence. (pp 229- 269 of the Cunliffe Review)

Section 1: About You

1. Would you like your response to be confidential?

No

2. NA

3. Do you consent to being contacted by the Independent Water Commission about your response?

Yes

4. If you consented above, please provide your full name.

Stephen Portal Tomkins

5. If you consented above, please provide your email address.

spt22@cam.ac.uk (personal) and info@cvf.com

6. In what capacity are you completing this Call for Evidence?

As an NGO or other non-profit public interest group.

7. What is the name of the organisation or interested group that you are responding on behalf of?

The Cam Valley Forum is a voluntary group, established in 2001. We work with our extensive network of partners to protect and improve the environment of the River Cam and its tributaries.

- We help identify, monitor and tackle problems affecting the river
- We build new collaborations and initiatives to improve the river and its surroundings.
- We campaign for improvements and advise on projects that may affect the river.
- We promote understanding of the river environment, including through workshops, guided walks and training of volunteers.

We are registered as a charity with HMRC (reference number XT3878

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8. Where do you live?

England

9. Where does your business or organisation operate?

England, in the Cam Catchment



Granta Mill Pond 2020



Fen Ditton 2025



Floating Pennywort

Grantchester Meadows 2017

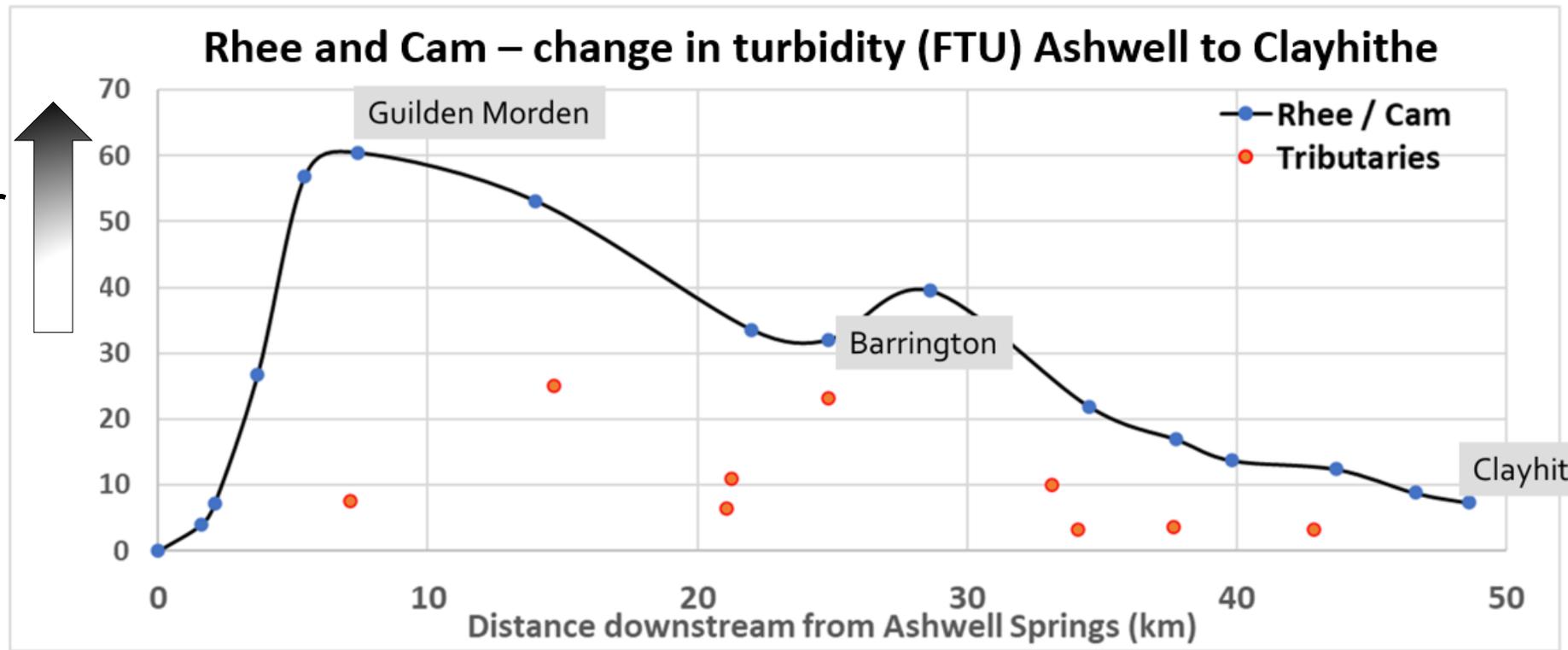
Water Quality Monitoring



2025

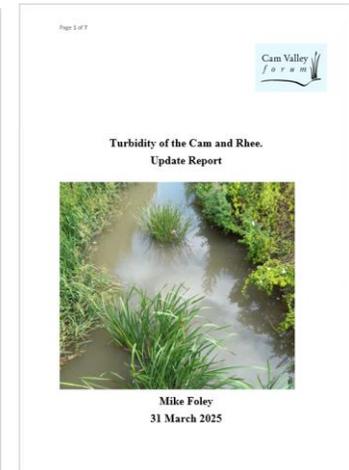
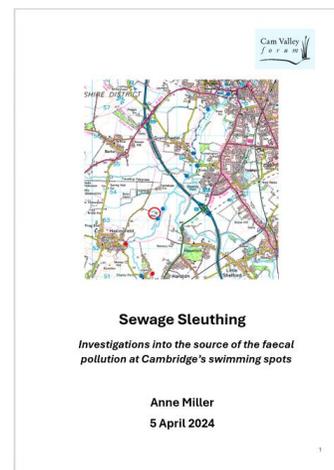
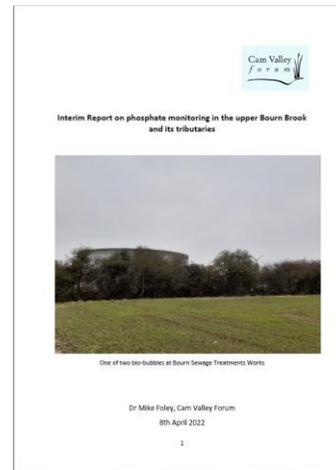
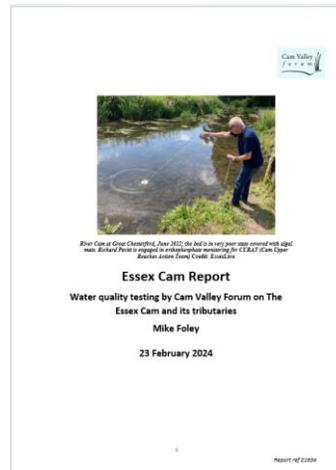
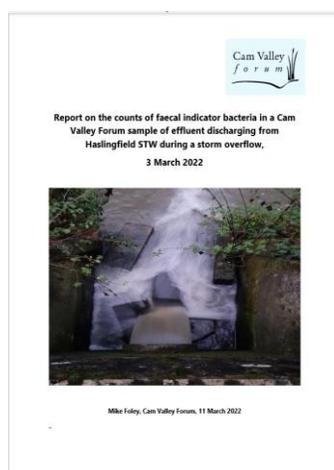
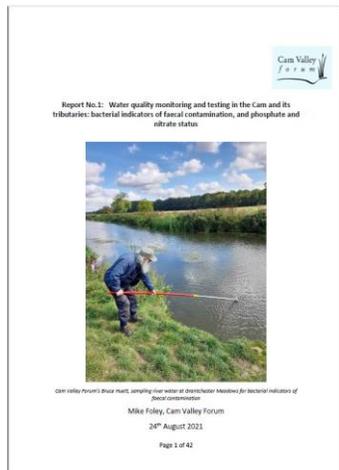
Citizen Science

Murkier water

Although not specified in this chart some tributaries are Chalk streams and two have become turbid as they approach the junction with the Rhee

2021



2025



Punt and Paddleout protest 2025

Clean Bathing Water Project:

Bathing Water Designation for the Cam at Sheep's Green, achieved May 2024

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