

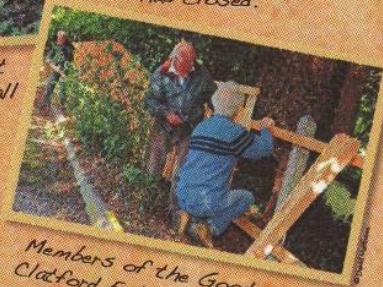
RIVERSIDE REST - conserving the riverbank

Chalk streams, like the River Anton, are fed by underground springs, not rainwater, so they run fast and clear - perfect for brown trout. (You can often see the fish from the footbridge.) Although chalk streams seem common in the Test Valley, they are in fact rare globally, so it's important that we protect them. This patch of riverbank, along with the Riverside Walk on Church Lane, is maintained by volunteers to help the local wildlife thrive, by providing habitats such as rock piles (for amphibians and insects) and planting native shrubs. Clatford means 'the ford where the burdock grows' and you may spot its purple, thistle-like flowers here, among the other wildflowers.

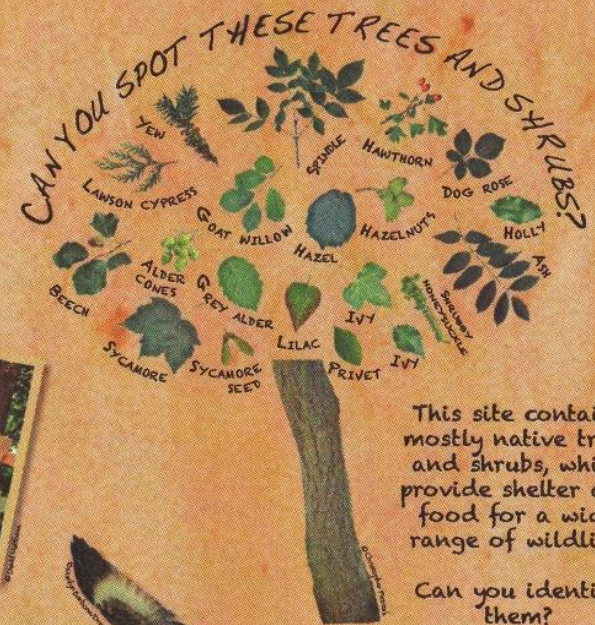


Nature quickly took over once the railway station had closed.

Logpiles provide great habitats for many small creatures, such as stag beetles whose larvae need to be undisturbed for seven years.



Members of the Goodworth Clatford Environmental Group restored the site in 2010.



This site contains mostly native trees and shrubs, which provide shelter and food for a wide range of wildlife.

Can you identify them?

You might see in the sky...



You might see on the bank...



You might see in the river...

