

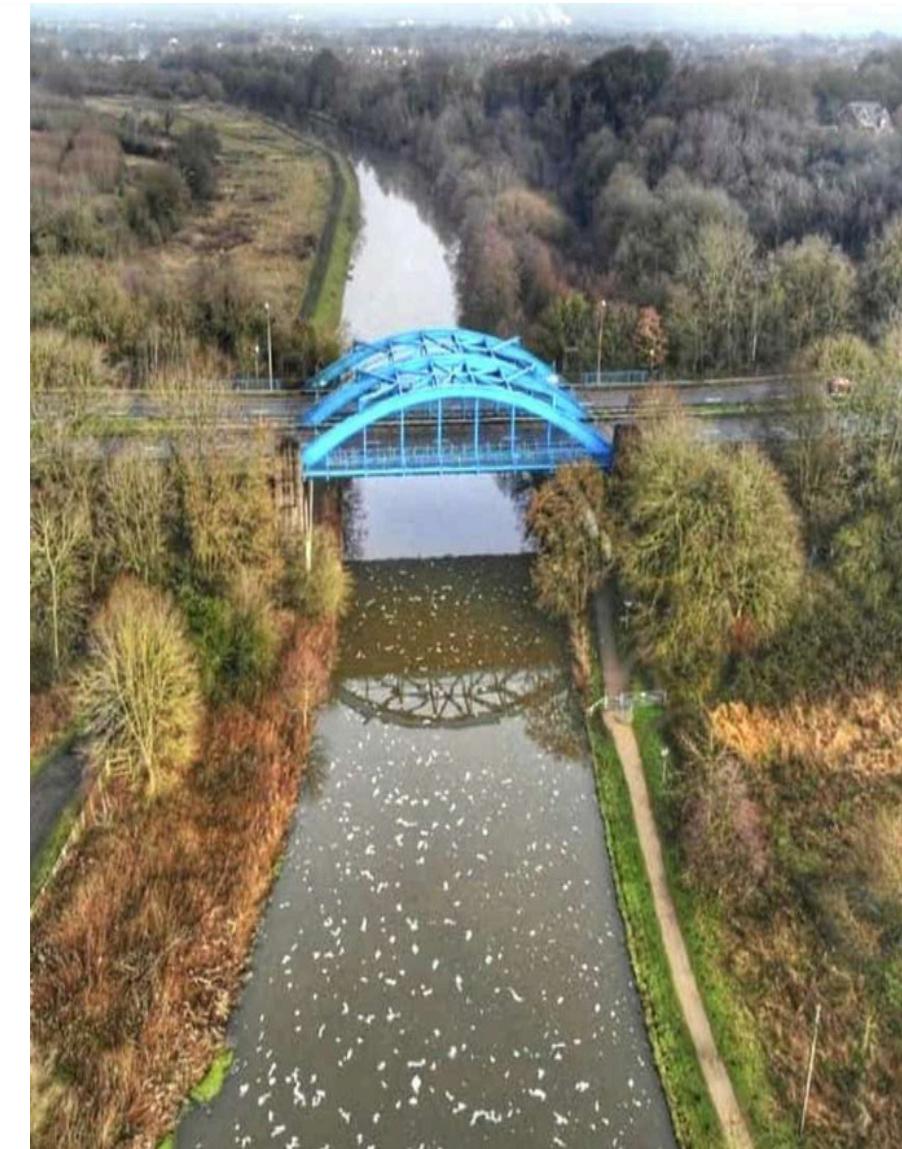
Northwich Rowing Club



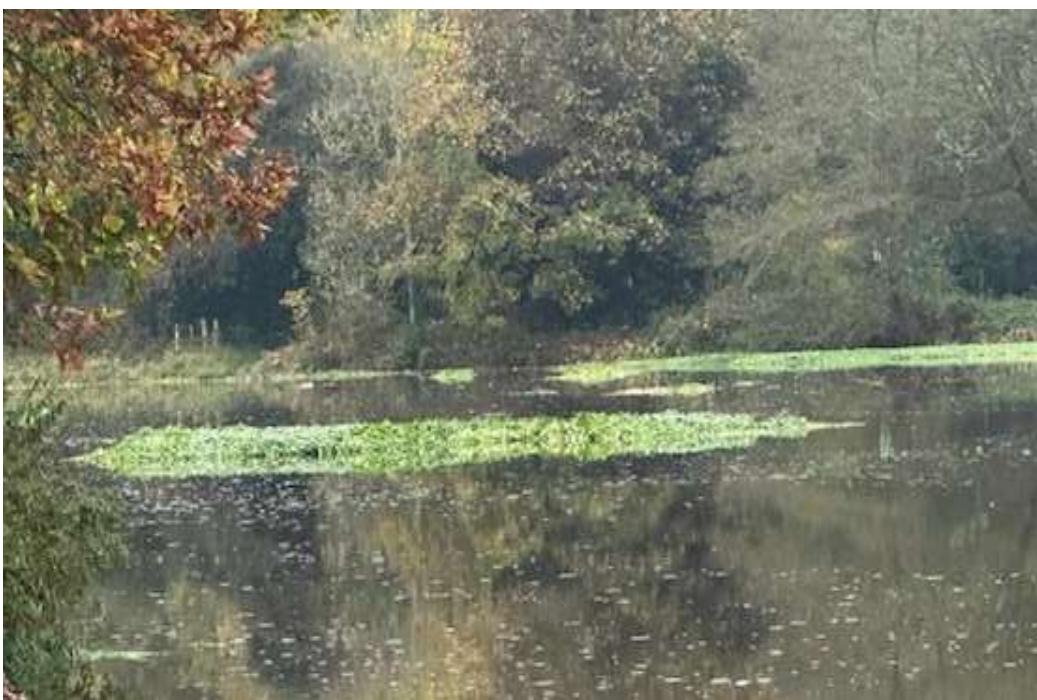
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THE FLOATING PENNYWORT

The River Weaver



- NRC row on a 2.5k stretch of the River Weaver between Vale Royal Lock and Hunts Lock.
- Floating Pennywort has been with us for about five years.
- There are certain ‘pinch points’ along the river that we have to manage in order to keep the water course open.
- We have a focal point of the year – our Autumn Head which is held on the second Sunday of November. It is critical that the Pennywort is managed, particularly in the marshalling area to enable the Head to take place.



How we manage the Pennywort

- NRC has a working party that meets on a Friday morning for **TWO HOURS**. (Ensuring it is only a couple of hours means the sessions never become too onerous and people aren't put off volunteering)
- We usually have between six and ten volunteers
- Two launches are used (mainly to take equipment up the river)
- The volunteers use rakes to pull the Pennywort out of the river or if there is a stream it is pushed out and floats into the locks.
- We also have a club workday before the Autumn Head which addresses areas that could cause a problem for the event

Partnerships

- We work in partnership with the Canal & River Trust.
 - We don't receive any money or labour, but we have an agreement that any Pennywort that we cut from the bank can float down to the lock basin where the C&RT will mechanically remove it.

Equipment

Below are some photos of the equipment that we have found works well.



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Prevention

- Over the past year our attention has turned to prevention as well as removal.
- We identify anchor points such as overhanging branches, dead trees, reeds and brambles which the Pennywort clings to.
- These are cut back and stretches of the bank are cleared.



