

Wandle Fortnight

10-25 September 2016

An exciting fortnight of community events
celebrating the Wandle Valley

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Wandle Valley



The once industrial River Wandle flows through the London Boroughs of Croydon, Sutton, Merton and Wandsworth. It rises in both Carshalton and Croydon before its path takes it into the Thames at Wandsworth.

With a fall of 38 metres (126ft) and a length of 19 kilometres (12 miles) it is a very fast flowing river. This made it suitable to power watermills, which it has done since Roman times. A wide range of different industries used water power in their manufacture and information on these can be found on the Wandle Industrial Museum website wandle.org.

Whilst industries still exist along the river today, they sadly no longer use its power. Today, the river is a place of leisure with nature reserves and pleasant parkland that makes a walk along its length a very enjoyable one.

The Wandle Industrial Museum.

Front cover – Wandle Valley Photographic Competition – Wandle Town by Olivia Townsend.
Wandle Map courtesy of Wandle Industrial Museum.

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Welcome

The Living Wandle Landscape Partnership and the Wandle Valley Forum have put this programme together to celebrate the Wandle and to promote all the exciting things going on in the Wandle Valley this autumn. The activities finish with a flourish on World Rivers Day, 25th September.

Living Wandle Landscape Partnership

The Living Wandle Landscape Partnership is a Heritage Lottery Funded programme which aims to reconnect local people with the river throughout the valley through celebrating the Wandle's heritage. There are 28 different projects people can get involved in over 4 years, such as conservation, wildlife spotting, heritage, access and learning, as well as training opportunities available with all projects.

Wandle Valley Forum

The Wandle Valley Forum provides support and an independent voice for over 100 community groups & voluntary organisations and for everyone who shares a passion for the Wandle. Wandle Valley Forum makes a unique contribution to this network of Wandle organisations. The Forum's role is to support community groups and others inspired by the Wandle, provide the glue which brings people and organisations together, manage a communications network on Wandle issues and use its independent voice to amplify that of local groups and speak out for the Wandle Valley's future.

Did you know you are in a regional park? The Wandle Valley Regional Park Trust is working to create a new regional park in the Wandle Valley, stretching from Croydon and Sutton through Merton and Wandsworth to the Thames in the north. The vision is for an innovative, sustainable and high quality Regional Park in the Wandle Valley that is easily accessible, with a rich and thriving biodiversity, offering recreation, landscape, heritage, cultural and resource management benefits in which local people and businesses can take pride and ownership.



Living Wandle
Landscape Partnership



Events



Date	Event	Time	Organiser	Location
Sat 10th	Baltic Close Opening Festival	12noon-7pm	Merton BC	Baltic Close, Wandle Park, SW19 2BH
Sat 10th	Images from the Wandle Valley Photographic Exhibition	Opening Hours	Mitcham Camera Club	Morden Library, Civic Centre
Sat 10th	Wandle Wheelers, fun cycling orientated event for all ages	Noon-4pm	Get Active Wandle	Morden Hall Park
Sat 10th	Wandle Wheelers Cycle Ride B	10am tbc	Wandle Valley Regional Park Trust & Get Active Wandle	Meet on bridge over River Wandle, SW18 1ER
Sat 10th	Beer by the River £	Noon-10pm	Sambrooks Brewery	Tooting Bec Common
Sat 10th	Baltic Close Opening Festival	12noon-7pm	Merton Council & Charles Holden Pub	Baltic Close entrance, Wandle Park, SW19 2BH
Sat 10th	Artist Led Drawing Workshop 'Stones of Croydon'	1-3pm	Turf Projects with Holly Hendry	Queen's Gardens Croydon
Sat/Sun 10-11th	Scouting Taster Weekend	10am-4pm Scouts	Wimbledon and Wandle Scouts	District Headquarters Morden Road, Mitcham
Sat/Sun 10-11th	Celebrate Living Wandle D Fortnight at Honeywood	10am-5pm	Honeywood Museum	Honeywood Museum, Carshalton SM5 3NX
Sun 11th	Nonsuch Awareness & Heritage Open Day	11am-5pm	Friends of Nonsuch and National Heritage Open day	Nonsuch Park, Ewell Road, Sutton
Sun 11th	Wilderness Island Open day	10.30am-1pm	London Wildlife Trust Sutton	Wilderness Island, meet at reserve entrance
Sun 11th	Nature in Morden Hall Park Guided Walk	2pm-3pm	Morden Hall Park Nature Group	Morden Hall Park Snuff Mill
Sun 11th	Wandle Trust River Cleanup	11am-3pm	Wandle trust	See Wandle Trust website for details
Sun 11th	Carshalton Water Tower Open day	1pm-5pm	Heritage Open days	West Street Carshalton
Sun 11th	Walk Waddon Ponds - B £ Carshalton Ponds	2pm	Honeywood Museum	Meet Waddon Ponds, Mill House Gate
Sun 11th	Make it in Clay and Take it Away	11am-4pm	Wandle Heritage Abbey Mills, SW19 2RD	The Wheelhouse, Merton
Wed 14th	Cycle to Work Day	Any time	Cycle to Work	Anywhere
Wed 14th	Talk - A Brief History of Life in 10 Fossils D	7.30pm	Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society	East Croydon United Reformed Church, Addiscombe Grove, Croydon CRO 5LP
Wed 14th	Talk - The Making of the Modern Wandle B £	7.30pm	Honeywood Museum,	Honeywood Museum Carshalton SM5 3NX
Thu/Fri 15-16th	Wandle Beer Festival £	Noon-10.30pm	South West London Campaign for Real Ale	Tooting & Mitcham United FC Bishopsford Road, SM4 6BF

Date	Event	Time	Organiser	Location
Fri 16th	Merton Arts Festival Late Preview	Evening	Merton Arts Festival and Merton Abbey Mills	Merton Abbey Mills
Sat 17th	Wandle Walk – Earlsfield to Colliers Wood	9.30am	Ramblers	Meet Earlsfield Station
Sat 17th	Wandle Walk – Colliers Wood to Mitcham Common	11am	Ramblers	Meet Colliers Wood Station
Sat 17th	Wandle Walk – Mitcham Common to Carshalton	1.30pm	Ramblers	Meet Mitcham Junction Station
Sat 17th	Wandle Walk – Carshalton to Wandle Park Croydon	3.30pm	Ramblers	Meet Carshalton Station
Sat 17th	Abundance Fruit Day 2016	11am-2pm	Abundance Wimbledon	St Marks Church Hall & Garden SW19 7ND
Sat 17th	Wandle Industrial Museum Open Day	10am-4pm	Wandle Industrial Museum, as part of Mitcham Heritage Day	Wandle Industrial Museum, Cricket Green, Mitcham
Sat 17th	Mitcham Heritage Day	10am-4pm	Mitcham Cricket Green Community & Heritage	Mitcham Cricket Green
Sat/Sun 17-18th	Honeywood Museum Open Day	10am-5pm	Open House London	Honeywood Museum Carshalton SM5 3NX
Sat/Sun 17-18th	Carshalton Water Tower Open Days	1-5pm	Open House London	West Street Carshalton
Sat/Sun 17-18th	Autumn Art Market	11am-5pm	Love Wimbledon	The Piazza, Wimbledon High St
Sat/Sun 17-18th	St Marys Church Beddington Open Days	check website for details	Open House London	Church Road, Beddington SM6 7NJ
Sat/Sun 17-18th	Merton Arts Festival, Artists Open Houses & Studios	Various	Merton Arts Festival	Various, Merton
Sun 18th	Autumn Bird Migration Walk B £	9.15am	Beddington Farmland Bird Group	Meet Hackbridge railway station car park
Sun 18th	Nonsuch Museum Open Day	2pm-5pm	Open House London	Nonsuch Park, Ewell Road, Sutton
Sun 18th	Pretty Muddy 5K B £	10am-3pm	Cancer Research	Morden Park, London Road SM4 5QX
Sun 18th	Sketch Event in Beddington Park	1pm-3.30pm	Living Wandle	Meet St Marys Church, Church Road SM6 7NJ
Sun 18th	Wildcraft in Wandle Park Croydon	11am tbc	Wild in the City	Wandle Park Croydon
Thu 22nd	A Musical Evening with Alfred & Salamanda B £	7.30pm	Friends of Honeywood Museum	Honeywood Museum, Carshalton Ponds
Sat 24th	Artist Led Drawing Workshop 'Stones of Croydon'	1pm-3pm	Turf Projects with Karolina Glusiec	Waddon Leisure Centre Croydon
Sat 24th	Tree Trail Walk around Merton Park £	2.30pm	John Innes Society	Meet at the Coach House, Melrose Road SW19
Sat 24th	Autumn Workshop, Harvets Herbs, make Vinegar & Syrups	10am-1pm	Herb Infusion Co at Sutton Community Farm	Sutton Community Farm 40a Telegraph Track, SM6 OSH
Sat 24th	Try Orienteering in Morden Hall Park	11am-2pm	Mole Valley Orienteering Club	Registration between Stable Yard and White Bridge
Sat 24th	Wandle Piscators Open Day	10am-3pm	Wandle Piscators	check website for details
Sat 24th	Trees Training Day B £	10am-4pm	Sutton Nature	Stonecourt, North St, Carshalton
Sat/Sun 24-25th	Ceramic Tile Making Workshops	Noon-4.30pm	Workshop 305	Workshop 305, 9 Weir Road, SW19 8UG
Sat/Sun 24-25th	Merton Arts Festival, Artists Open Houses & Studios	Various	Merton Arts Festival	Various, Merton
Sat/Sun 24-25th	How We Might Live	11am and 7pm	How We Might Live	Meet at Object Book, Unit 12 Merton Abbey Mills, SW17 9SR
World Rivers Day!				
Sun 25th	Carshalton Water Tower Open Day	2.30-5pm	Friends of Carshalton Water Tower	Carshalton Water Tower, West Street, Carshalton
Sun 25th	Guided Walk around Watermeads	2pm-3pm	Morden Hall Park Nature Group	Meet by the London Road entrance SM4 6BF
Sun 25th	Song Writing Workshop B £	Noon-5pm	Friends of Wimbledon Bookfest	The Space, Wimbledon Library
Sun 25th	Wendelworth Community Orchard Open Day	11am-4pm	Wendelsworth Community Garden	Wendelsworth Community Gdn, Iron Mill Road SW18 2AQ
Sun 25th	Pledge a Picnic for World Rivers Day	To Suit	You!	By the river? In a park? In the Wandle Valley!

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Get involved with your River!

There are many opportunities to get involved in the Wandle Valley, learn new skills, get fit, active and make new friends.

Volunteering

There are numerous opportunities to volunteer with the Living Wandle projects and throughout the Valley, many opportunities are advertised through the borough volunteer services.



- Croydon** www.cvalive.org.uk/volunteering/
- Merton** www.mvsc.co.uk/
- Sutton** www.vcsutton.org.uk/
- Wandsworth** www.volunteeringwandsworth.org.uk/
- Wandle Wide** www.wandlevalleypark.co.uk/volunteering/

Conservation

The Wandle was once one of the most polluted river in London, but now thanks to the efforts of local conservation groups, its water and banks are much improved.

- Croydon TCV** www.tcv.org.uk/london/croydon
- Merton** www.sustainablemerton.org/
- Sutton** www.sutton.gov.uk/info/200453/parks_trees_and_open_spaces/1145/biodiversity_and_wildlife/4
- Wandsworth** www.wandsworthsociety.org.uk
- Wandle Wide** Wandle Trust www.wandletrust.org
- London** www.wildlondon.org.uk
- Wildlife Trust**

Wildlife

Wildlife abounds in the Wandle Valley and from bird groups to fishing, there are plenty of opportunities to get out and enjoy it.



- Croydon** Association of Croydon Conservation Societies www.accs-croydon.co.uk/
- Merton** Morden Hall Park Nature Group www.mhpng.weebly.com/
- Sutton** Beddington Farm Lands www.beddingtonfarmlands.org.uk/
- Wandle Wide** www.wandlepiscators.net

Heritage

The Wandle Valley has a rich and varied heritage, from Thomas a Becket at Merton Priory, through Nelson to the many mills along its length and William Morris. You can find out about it at the borough museums and heritage service and the many heritage groups in the Valley.



- Croydon** www.museumofcroydon.com/
- Merton** <https://arena.yourlondonlibrary.net/web/merton/heritage>
- Sutton** www.sutton.gov.uk/info/200554/heritage_and_culture
- Wandsworth** www.wandsworth.gov.uk/homepage/215/local_history_and_heritage
- Wandle Wide** Wandle Industrial Museum www.wandle.org

Healthy Walks

All the Wandle boroughs offer free healthy walks throughout the week, most offer free walk training if you would like to start one yourself.



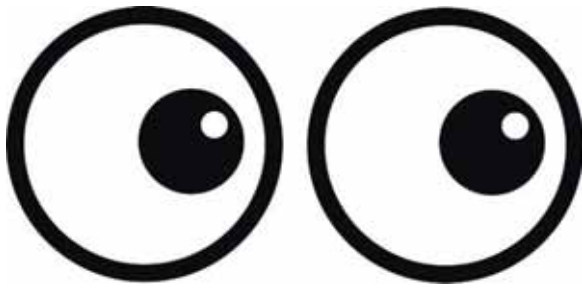
Croydon	www.croydon.gov.uk/leisure/sports/a-z-of-activities/walkactivities/walking-for-health
Merton	www.merton.gov.uk/transport-streets/roads-highways-pavements/roadsafety/walk4life.htm
Sutton	www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/walkfinder/london/sutton-healthy-walks
Wandsworth	www.wandsworth.gov.uk/news/article/12606/healthy_walks_scheme_gets_national_accreditation

Event contact details

Abundance Wimbledon	www.abundancewimbledon.com/
Beddington Farmland Bird Group	www.bfnr.org.uk/2016/02/2016-events-announced/
Cancer Research	www.raceforlife.cancerresearchuk.org/choose-your-event/
Carshalton Water Tower	www.carshaltonwatertower.co.uk/
Croydon Natural History & Scientific Society	www.cnhss.co.uk/our-event-programme-for-2016
Cycle to Work	www.cycletoworkday.org/
Nonsuch Palace	www.friendsofnonsuch.co.uk/
Get Active Wandle	www.wandlevalleypark.co.uk/activewandle
Herb Infusion Co at Sutton Community Farm	jenthepen50@hotmail.com
Honeywood Museum	www.friendsofhoneywood.co.uk/
How We Might Live	contact@sebastianhw@gmail.com
John Innes Society	alisoncousins@gmail.com
London Wildlife Trust Sutton	www.wildlondon.org.uk/reserves/wilderness-island
Love Wimbledon	www.lovewimbledon.org/
Merton Arts Festival	mertonartsfestival@outlook.com
Mitcham Cricket Green Community & Heritage	www.mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk/
Mole Valley Orienteering Club	www.mvoc.org/
Morden Hall Park Nature Group	www.mhpng.weebly.com/
Ramblers Association	www.ramblers.org.uk/
Sambrooks Brewery	www.sambrooksbrewery.co.uk/events/beer-by-the-river-2016
St Marys Church Beddington	www.stmarysbeddington.org.uk/
Sutton Nature	www.suttonnature.wordpress.com/events/
Turf Projects	www.turf-projects.com/stones-of-croydon/
Wandle Beer Festival	wandlebf@camraswl.org.uk
Wandle Heritage	020 8647 0076
Wandle Industrial Museum	www.wandle.org
Wandle Piscators	www.wandlepiscators.net
Wandle Trust	www.wandletrust.org/
Wandle Valley Regional Park Trust	www.wandlevalleypark.co.uk
Wendelsworth Community Garden	wendelsworthra@gmail.com
Wild in the City	beth@wildinthecity.org.uk
Wimbledon and Wandle Scouts	www.wimbledonandwandlescouts.org/
Wimbledon Bookfest	www.wimbledonbookfest.org
Workshop 305	info@workshop305.com
Wandle Valley Forum	www.wandlevalleyforum.org.uk/
Living Wandle	livingwandle@wandsworth.gov.uk

Please note that the Living Wandle Landscape Partnership cannot be held responsible for any third party events in this leaflet. We advise that you check all details with the event organisers before you travel.

Pledge your Picnic for World Rivers Day, pledges to date on
wandlevalleypark.co.uk/pledge-picnic



Are you a Wandle Watcher?

Become the eyes (and ears) of your local stretch of river and get involved!

The Living Wandle team is looking for schools, youth groups, community organisations and individuals to take a more active role in their precious asset. This might be planting, recording wildlife sightings, cultural activities or just keeping an eye out on walks. Anyone with an interest in the River Wandle, its heritage or local green spaces can become a **Wandle Watcher** and do as much or as little as they want.

If you want to know what's going on along your local stretch of the river you can sign up for the Wandle Watchers quarterly e-newsletter. Contact the Living Wandle team by email to livingwandle@wandsworth.gov.uk or phone **07500 073049**

Spotted something on or near the Wandle? Record it online and help build up a picture of the floral and fauna of the valley. Recording Information packs are available.

www.gigl.org.uk/online/wandle-watchers.aspx

or use our QR code



Carshalton Pond Fox by Ion Zaharia



Banded Demoiselle by Martin Freeman

“We are only the trustees for those who come after us”

William Morris