

Working with communities, working with you

Our dedicated team of Community Resilience Advisors will be working closely with residents and community groups within the River Thames Scheme area. They will help communities plan and prepare for flooding and share information about the scheme. Many of your communities are on the way to achieving a good level of flood preparedness.

If you are interested in talking to your local Community Resilience Advisor about community groups in your area, or if you want to set up your own community group please contact us at rts@environment-agency.gov.uk or for more information click here. [Please click here.](#)

Weir drop-in events

In March 2016 we held three public drop-in events to get feedback on the proposed works to Sunbury, Molesey and Teddington Weirs. Nearly 300 people attended and feedback was positive about the event and the proposals. [Please click here.](#)

Funding

We have secured more than £250m in funding for the River Thames Scheme from Government and partners. The leader of Surrey County Council has set up a funding group to explore all opportunities to secure the additional funding required. We have worked with partners to produce an economic case for investment that showcases the scheme and the economic opportunities it will provide.

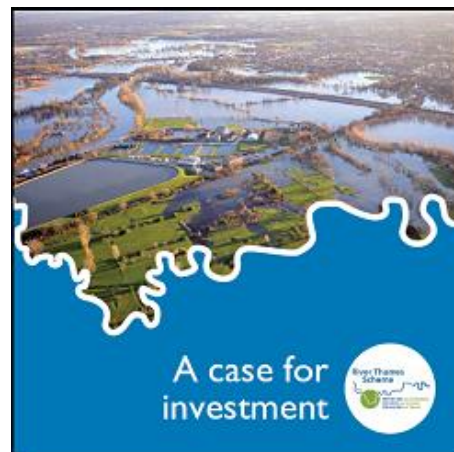
We have recently updated our economic assessment which shows that the River Thames Scheme will provide £5 of benefit for every £1 invested. It will save about £2.3 billion in damages avoided.



From left to right: Tina Donaldson, Scott Salmon, Justine Glynn, Sarah Bouet, John Cooper



Above: Scott Salmon training and working with local flood groups



Above: The River Thames Scheme case for investment

Next Steps

- We are using our new river model (the largest and most complex hydraulic model in Europe) to understand what is likely to happen in different flooding scenarios and the detailed design for the scheme.
- In autumn 2016 we will be holding the second round of discussion workshops. We would like your input into the design and to work with us to explore what wider opportunities the scheme can provide. To find out who is representing your community please email us at: rts@environment-agency.gov.uk
- We expect to get Government approval for the design of the scheme in 2019 and start construction in 2020/21. We anticipate the scheme will take 4 – 5 years to complete. For more information click here. [Please click here.](#)

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