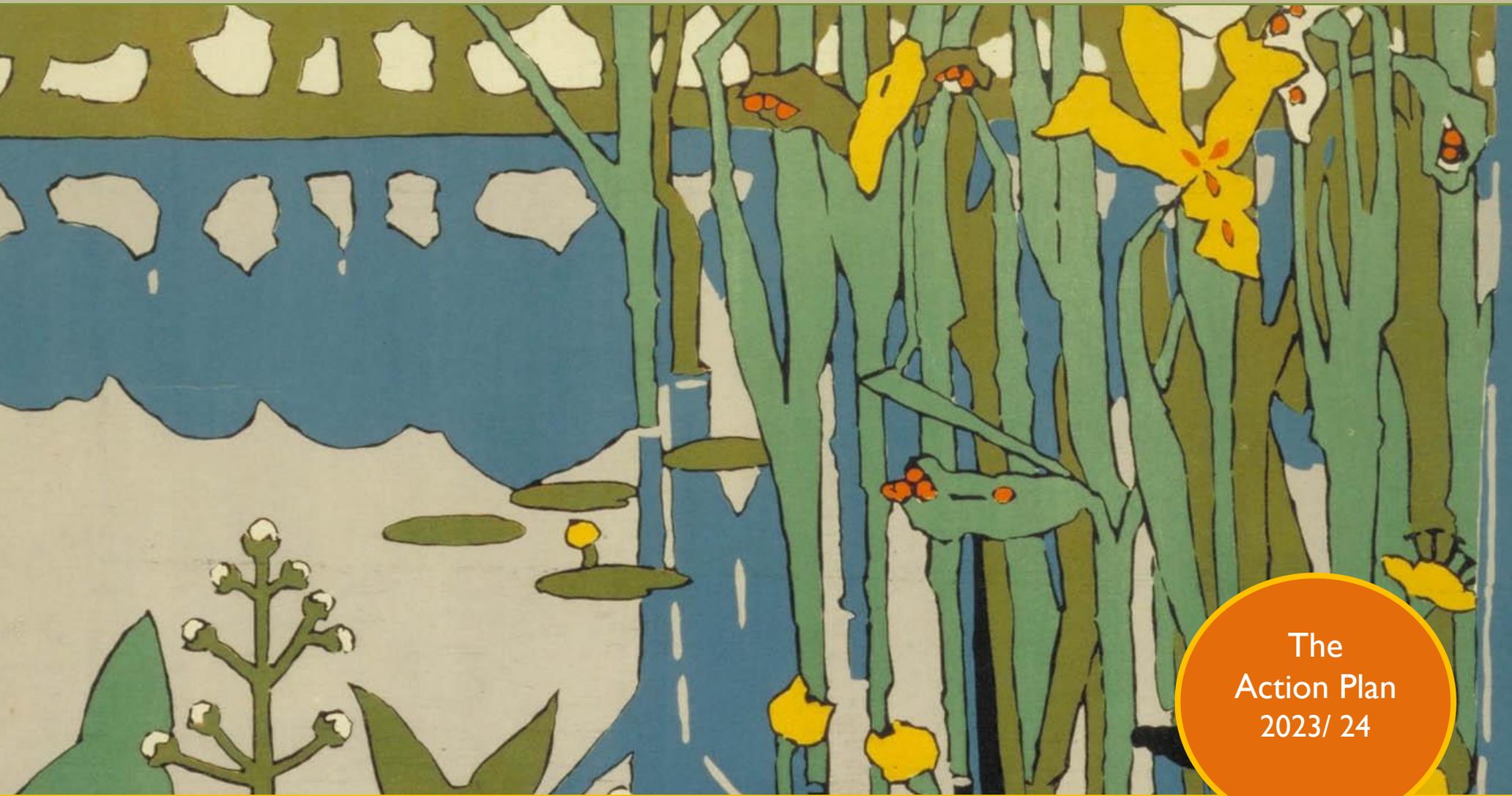


The Thames Landscape Strategy

Conserving the Arcadian Thames



The
Action Plan
2023/ 24

Patrons: HRH The Duke of Gloucester, Kim Wilkie, Alan Titchmarsh, Sir David Attenborough

TLS MANAGEMENT

Project Name Ref	Project Description	Additional Information Partners, Funding, Management, Timeframes	January 2023 Update
1 TLS Memorandum of Understanding	<p>To update and agree the TLS Memorandum of Agreement.</p> <p>To ensure that partners sign the revised MoU. Working in partnership with LBRUT to complete the update of the MoU. Circulate to partners and ensure that TLS partners agree and sign the updated document.</p> <p>To investigate whether the remit of the OSC could be updated to include participation from non-funding partners</p>	<p>Jeni Jackson – lead officer LBRUT who are updating the MoU. Jeni to work with partners and LBRUT legal team to update the document and circulate for agreement.</p> <p>To have the new MoU circulated and agreed by end of March 2023.</p>	<p>LBRUT currently updating the plan. The previous MoU continues to be valid and should be used by TLS partners until a new MoU is agreed.</p>
2 TLS Partnership Structure	<p>To ensure that each TLS partner has appointed an appropriate officer and a member for the ERB by March 2023 who will attend at least two TLS meetings each year to discuss project work, goals and progress. TLS Partner meetings. To organise regular ERB, OSC, CAG. Meetings to include 1 x site visit and 1 x joint meeting with CAG OSC .</p> <p>To ensure that all partners have appointed an appropriate officer and member . To ensure attendance. To use partner meetings as a way to gain support for TLS. To ensure that all partners have appointed an appropriate officer and member . To ensure attendance. To use partner meetings as a way to gain support for TLS.</p>	<p>TLS OSC and ERB meetings organised by Jason Debney (JD) and Rebecca Law (RL), funded through the core partner contributions. 2023/4 ERB Chair Cllr Julia Neden Watts, OSC Chair Nicholas Garbutt. CAG meetings chaired by Paula Day, organised by CAG Secretary Pat Spaight.</p>	<p>TLS Co-ordinator to work with partners to ensure appointments and attendance.</p> <p>To set up one-to-one meeting with all OSC officers. CAG membership also periodically reviewed. New representatives at OSC from non-funding partners</p>
3 TLS Events	<p>To host two TLS partner events p.a. that will bring in revenue for core costs. To link partnership events with fundraising activities where appropriate. To link these events with key events that are relevant to the TLS or linked to the role of the TLS chair or partnership priorities</p>	<p>RA Conference – March 2023 – funded through RA</p> <p>Summer Event – garden party</p> <p>RA The Play event – to try and rearrange.</p> <p>TLS Team</p>	<p>RA Conference – March 2023</p> <p>Summer Event</p> <p>RA The Play event was cancelled in 2022 due to The Late Queen’s death. It has not been possible yet to rearrange.</p>

Fundraising

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4 Promoting the TLS	To raise the profile of the TLS with partners and other organisations by raising awareness of the TLS (report and the organisation) with partners and other stakeholders through a series of professional development events and lectures. To carry out a series of meetings with TLS partners, businesses and local civic and amenity societies. Newsletters, Quarterly review, social media – facebook. Twitter. To update the TLS banners.	TLS Team Funded through core contributions	Professional development meeting with two of the 4 x local LPAs. 2 x meetings with other funding partners. 6 x events with community groups. Website To update and keep updated the TLS website and Facebook pages.
5 Core Funding Diversification	To continue to diversify revenue streams through the measures outlined below (in this action plan) to meet the TLS core funding is met. To work with funding partners to demonstrate the benefits that they receive from the TLS in order to maintain core contributions. The core funding that the TLS receives from its partners is largely outside the control of the TLS. The TLS will need to demonstrate the benefits that the partnership and its work bring in order to secure this funding. Core funding for the TLS is secured for 2023/4 from TLS partner contributions and also from RFCC funding. To investigate the potential for three year agreements.	To find ways and to implement initiatives to ensure that a sustainable way to top up partner contributions is achieved. TO put in place new income streams for core funding target •Father Thames Trust •Business support •Sponsorship •Consultancy •Project work	To work with the FTT to roll out the ‘My Arcadia’ fundraising strategy that was agreed immediately prior to Covid-19. To identify and gain sponsorship for individual projects included in this action plan from local people and businesses. To demonstrate to business partners in the TLS area the benefits that the TLS brings to them in order to gain sponsorship. To establish at least one business sponsorship deal p.a. To put in place a mechanism for project sponsorship for small schemes from local people and groups. To target sponsorship of volunteer work and the Towpath Management Plan
6 Donations and Standing Orders	To work closely with the Father Thames Trust to increase revenue through standing orders and donations	. For FTT to contact Pat Spaight to administer donations etc . To investigate whether a fee should be charged to local groups who want to be a member of the TLS.	To write and agree a strategy to increase standing orders and donations for FTT. To purchase a card reader for donations

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7 FTT Legacy Programme	To establish a legacy programme for the FTT to support the TLS – both project work and core costs	Legacies have been identified as a way to bring in funding to the TLS in the medium and long term. Legacies are a sensitive issue and need to be handled carefully. A volunteer officer with the appropriate skills is necessary who can talk with potential donors and ensure that the correct procedures have been put in place. JD to work with FTT.	Appoint a volunteer/FTT Trustee to manage the scheme. Training may be necessary. To write and agree the mechanism and promotional material needed to allow people to leave money to the FTT. To launch the project at an appropriate event. To start rolling out the programme.
8 Thames Custodians	To establish and agree with riparian partners a mechanism so that groups can adopt a designated stretch of the riverside to carry out voluntary activities set out in the towpath management plan. To recruit groups.	To adapt the Towpath Management Plan so that designated sections can be adopted by groups in order to carry out voluntary events and possible fundraising initiatives. The plan would need to be agreed with riparian partners and landowners. To work with groups such as Youth Organisations in uniforms, hard to reach groups and local organisations to put in place a series of area based custodian groups to assist in managing and caring for their stretch of the riverside – to include fundraising activities. To secure a sponsor for the TMP and for individual elements of work set out in the TMP as set out later in this action plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Scope Project •Cost project If funding is successful to establish and launch the scheme at an appropriate event. To recruit 5 groups p.a. The funding bid would include appropriate costs for the TLS to manage the scheme to be used to top up core funding. Identify future sponsor Write funding bid if needed To recruit 5 new groups p.a.
9 FTT Palm Held Card Reader	To work with the FTT to purchase a palm held card reader that can be used to accept electronic donations	An appropriate App will need to be agreed by the FTT, which can be used and set up by Trustees and TLS staff, linked directly to the FTT bank account.	To set up ASAP.
10 TLS / FTT River Restoration Trust	To establish a River Restoration Trust for the TLS area	To investigate whether partners would be welcome to establish a river restoration trust that would ultimately see the incorporation of the TLS partnership and FTT. JD to work with partners and CAG to scope whether there is support and merit in moving this project forward.	Scope project and establish support.

Strategic Projects

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11 Rewilding Arcadia	To complete Phase One of the Rewilding Arcadia project. To move onto Phase Two	An umbrella scheme that the Phase One is funded by the Green Challenge Recovery Scheme. To complete the RA project funded by the GCRF. To complete Phase One of the project by June 2023. Please see blue box (next page for additional information). RL, LN,FB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Complete project work. •Conference •Evaluation Report •To ensure that the RA goals are weaved into the review of the TLS report Please see site specific sections for description of project work. To prioritise Old Deer Park and Canbury Gardens for Phase Two implementation and the development and scoping of Ham and Petersham Towpath
12 Joint Thames Strategies Review	To carry out the first phase in the a Review of the TLS Report to ensure that it is up to date, inline with current policy, with new projects	Funding has been secured to carry out a review of the TLS strategic report, in partnership with the Thames Strategy Kew to Chelsea and the Thames Strategy East. Funding is secured from the RFCC to provide the income for 2 x project officers. To work with the West London River Group to ensure the completion of Phase One for the Thames Strategy Kew to Chelsea reach. To agree subsequent stages of the review and secure funding	To carry out an audit of the TLS Review 2012 in light of project work. Statutory frameworks and policy changes. To identify strategic and community partners. To weave the goals from RA into the review report. RFCC monies to fund Rebecca Law and Laura Nee in 2023. To work towards a Riverside Strategy for each LPA.
13 Arcadian Thames TMP	To update annually the TLS Arcadian Thames Towpath Management Plan taking account of partner	To continue to update and promote the TMP JD / RL to complete Autumn 2023 for 23/24 season	To update plan
14 TMP Volunteers	To manage volunteer groups to ensure that the actions included in the TMP are implemented.	Details are included in reach specific proposals Please see blue box (next page for additional information).	

Rewilding Arcadia Phase Two and the Joint Review of the Thames Strategies

Due to climate change, flood risk is increasing on the Thames. Measures to manage this increasing risk are set out by the Environment Agency in both the TE2100 and River Thames Scheme Datchet to Teddington policy documents. Whilst measures are proposed upstream of Weybridge and downstream of the TLS area to provide additional protection, there is little scope to introduce new engineered protection to the functioning floodplain between Weybridge and Kew. For example, the TE2100 scheme recommends a policy of living with water on the functioning floodplain for the Twickenham and Richmond Reaches. The EA's policy to manage flood risk on the Tideway, TE2100, sets out a planned change in the operation of the Thames Barrier that will affect the floodplain in the coming decades. 'The Environment Agency will work with Hounslow and Richmond Councils to identify areas of Twickenham and Richmond policy units that currently benefit from closing the Thames Barrier during fluvial events. In these areas, the EA will work with local communities and partners to agree and put alternative flood risk management measures in place for less significant fluvial events, improving resilience before the Thames Barrier Operation changes' (TE2100 Outcome 15).

The functioning floodplain is that area in-between the statutory flood defences. In many locations this floodable area is wide – the statutory flood defences being set back a considerable distance from the riverbank. Whilst properties and housing will continue to be protected behind the flood defences, large expanses of parkland, towpath and wildlife sites will be at increasing risk of inundation, for longer periods of time as climate changes. This will have an effect on many factors including the way that people use the public open spaces, on heritage, the established character and on the wildlife that makes the floodplain its home. Raising or building new flood defences or using the Thames Barrier (in the way that has been used in the past) is simply no longer an option. The Thames wants its floodplain back. Spaces that have been artificially managed as dry environments for decades are going to get a lot wetter over the next 25 years.

Rewilding Arcadia is proposing a series of nature based solutions to make the floodplain resilient to these changes. In this way the unique Freshwater / Tidal habitat (that is only found in the very upper reaches of the tidal estuary) and the parks, towpaths and wildlife sites upstream of Teddington Lock can be protected and enhanced. Features such as wet woodland, grazed wet meadows, reedbed, standing water and creeks can be enhanced and additional new areas created – measures that would be entirely appropriate for a wetter environment. Multiple benefits could be incorporated into any scheme including public access enhancements, quiet spaces, dry routes (during a flood), cool walks, viewing areas and the interpretation. New habitats could be used for carbon storage and for the filtering of pollution that runs off nearby roads. Backwaters and riverbank naturalisation would provide a refuge for aquatic animals during low and high water flow periods. The first phase of Rewilding Arcadia has introduced the aspirations of the scheme to stakeholders and TLS partners, bringing together a series of stand alone projects under one banner.

During 2022, the TLS teamed up with the Thames Estuary Partnership and the West London River Group to apply for funding for a review of the Thames Landscape Strategy 2012 Report, the Thames Strategy Kew to Chelsea and the Thames Strategy East. Funding was secured from the Thames Regional Flood and Coastal Committee to carry out this task. The funding is initially for a one period to scope the review running from March 2023 to March 2024. During this, the existing three strategies will be reviewed to establish what needs to be reviewed and who the key partners are to take the scheme forward. Cross cutting themes that would affect the wider Thames (within the areas covered by the three partnerships) will also be explored. Funding has been secured for the whole of the TLS region from Weybridge to Kew and whilst flood risk is the key driver, additional benefits and measures (such as recreation, historic heritage and views would continue to inform an integral part of the Strategy.

An appraisal of the work will be carried out midway through 2023 to inform whether additional funding would be appropriate to carry out the review and ultimately for the TLS to work with riparian Local Planning Authorities to produce a Riverside Strategy for their borough. Funding for the TLS includes working with the West London River Group to carry out the first phase of the review of the Thames Strategy Kew to Chelsea. The following sets out an indicative timetable for the rolling out of the scheme in the future.

Sept 2021 – March 2023 Rewilding Arcadia Phase One

The first phase of the project saw DEFRA funding to carry out a broad scoping exercise of the project across six key sites between Kew and Weybridge. This approach also gathered background information, carried out stakeholder and community consultation, completed an ecological and hydrological survey and has worked towards ensuring that the project is incorporated in the TE2100 Review.

April 2023 Rewilding Arcadia Phase Two

Publication of the findings of the Phase One Rewilding Arcadia project with a workshop. Phase Two of the project will look towards incorporating the project into a review of the Thames Landscape Strategy, building partner support, before more detailed plans and public consultation is carried out and landowner agreement is gained. The TLS will continue to carry out small demonstration projects such as willow spiling and the reopening of the Kew Meridian throughout this phase. In addition, any survey work that is appropriate can be carried out such as archaeological and invertebrate surveys. To scope and develop fundraising strategies for implementation including Thames wide biodiversity offsetting, local biodiversity offsetting schemes, CiL and Thames Water funding.

Priority projects to be taken forward in the Phase Two stage include The Old Deer Park and Kew Ha-ha and the Naturalisation of Canbury Gardens Riverside. The TLS will work with partners to investigate funding, continue to consult and refine aspirations. Measures that may be appropriate for Ham and Petersham will also continue to be investigated particularly through the JTSR process.

April 2023 – May 2025 Joint Review of the Thames Strategies

To work with partners and communities to start the review of the Thames Landscape Strategy. In particular, to work with landowners and stakeholders to consider how the nature based solutions to manage the floodplain that were proposed in Phase One of Rewilding Arcadia can be weaved into the review of the Thames Landscape Strategy to ensure that the established character of the Arcadian Thames is conserved whilst building resilience towards climate change. The project is funded by the Thames Regional Flood and Coastal Committee and is intended to lead to the production of borough wide Riverside Strategies that would consider the Rewilding Arcadia proposals.

2023 TE2100 Review

The TE2100 project, to manage flood risk along the tidal Thames will be reviewed in 2023. Changes in the management of flood risk along the Tideway to protect Central London are likely to increase flood risk in the Richmond and Twickenham reaches – water levels will be higher than at present, with inundation of the floodplain taking place more often. The date for this to happen by 2035. To continue to work with the EA to identify potential funding from biodiversity offsetting and carbon storage funds and Richmond and Hounslow Councils to find ways to live with water before the 2035 change on the operation of the Thames Barrier.

Sept 2024 onwards

Detailed permissions and project development. Stakeholder consultation, fundraising and delivery.

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15 Catchment Management Plans	For the TLS to continue its involvement with the relevant Catchment Management Plan partnerships, identifying funding opportunities	To continue to work on the Your Tidal Thames and the Thames Catchment Partnership Datchet to Teddington to ensure that the aims of the TLS are weaved into strategic plans and to keep an eye on funding opportunities. JD, RL 5 days p.a.	Ongoing
16 Island Management Plan and Borough Management Plans	TLS to assist LBRUT update the 2003 Island Management Plan and to identify and scope ways to fund any schemes	To work in partnership to update the Island Management Plan and other relevant management plans for the Thames that the relevant borough may feel appropriate. JD, RL	Update IMP Identify potential projects
17 Thames Path National Trail	To continue to work with the Thames Trail Partnership	JD	To create stronger links with partners and projects across the Thames.
18 TE2100 River Thames Scheme	To ensure that the priorities from the RA project and the review of the TLS are weaved into TE2100	To work with the EA TE2100 project team and other statutory partners. To continue to attend EA workshops and meetings to develop the River Thames Scheme. To identify ways that TLS priorities and projects can be achieved and funded (details are included in the reach specific project sections).	To include the Freshwater Tidal Zone To work with the EA and partners to put in place a series of packages to 'sell' the services that the TLS is uniquely placed to offer. To include the following : •Area based projects such as Hurst Park Riverbank Naturalisation or Canbury Gardens Riverbank Naturalisation •Education Schemes •Consultation and Community Based Schemes

Reach 1 – 2, 13 – 15 Project work: Weybridge to Hurst Park

Project Name Ref	Project Description	Additional Information Partners, Funding, Management, Timeframes	January 2023 Update
19 Weybridge Point Car Park	To complete the enhancement of Weybridge Point Car Park. To include a viewing point towards Shepperton Island.	EA, SCC, EBC, Weybridge Soc. £40k EBC CiL funds secured. At present, the project cannot proceed as permission regarding who is to carry out the works needs to be agreed by EA. TLS would manage the viewing platform for a three year period.	To gain agreement for implementation. Implementation through RA – KM.
20 Back of Rivermead Island Lower Sunbury	To work with local stakeholders to ensure that the channel remains open	With Swingbridge volunteers, EA. RL and Surrey Care Trust to gain agreement from EA for 5 days of work, winter 2023/4.	Swingbridge allocated days
21 Cigarette Island and Molesey Beach	Flood resilience and access enhancements tidy up	With Swingbridge volunteers, EBC, EA. RL and Surrey Care Trust to gain agreement from EA for 5 days of work, winter 2023/4.	Swingbridge allocated days
22 Wey to the Thames	To complete the Wey to the Thames scheme	Signage and streetscape enhancements to link Thames Path with Wey Navigation. Installation of one fingerpost	Implementation through RA – KM

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23 Desborough Island Conservation Work	To continue to work with the Surrey Care Trust to manage the riverbanks and towpath on Desborough Island through the implementation of the TLS Towpath Management Plan. To manage the towpath including the route from Desborough to Weybridge using Surrey Care Trust volunteers.	To include scrub management, hedge laying and footpath clearing EBC Contact Dave Page Surrey Care Trust contact Roger Thompson TLS sets work, SCT gains volunteers and manages the work Funded 2023 through RA and EA funding	2023 TLS volunteer time 7 days SWINGBRIDGE with 8 volunteers / community pay back volunteers 2 x days in wet woodland Shire horse 2 days logging Swingbridge Balsam bashing – June 2023 TLS RL 2 days
24 Weybridge – Sunbury to Hurst Park Conservation Work	To continue to work with the Surrey Care Trust to manage the riverbanks and towpath on Desborough Island through the implementation of the TLS Towpath Management Plan	To continue to manage scrub and provide biodiversity enhancements to the riverbank in partnership with Surrey Care Trust EBC Contact Dave Page Surrey Care Trust contact Roger Thompson TLS sets work, SCT gains volunteers and manages the work Funded 2023 through RA and EA funding	TLS volunteer time 5 days SWINGBRIDGE with 8 volunteers / community pay back volunteers
25 Hurst Park Conservation Programme	To continue to work with the Surrey Care Trust to manage the riverbanks and towpath on Hurst Park through the implementation of the TLS Towpath Management Plan. To manage scrub and provide biodiversity enhancements to the riverbank in partnership with Surrey Care Trust.	Sadlers Ride Slipway EBC Contact Dave Page Surrey Care Trust contact Roger Thompson TLS sets work, SCT gains volunteers and manages the work Funded 2023 through RA and EA funding	Implementation RA Volunteers Hedgehog runs Bee bank SWINGBRIDGE with 8 volunteers / community pay back. 20 x days TLS RL – 3 days

Reach 3, 4 and 5: Proposed Project work: Portsmouth Road/ Kingston, Hampton Wick

Project Name Ref	Project Description	Additional Information Partners, Funding, Management, Timeframes	January 2023 Update
26 Kingston Riverside SPD RBK Riverside Strategy	To work with RBK to deliver the Riverside SPD and ensure that TLS priorities are well placed within the emerging Riverside Strategy. It is important that the TLS has an input in the development of the Riverside Plan to ensure that links with the JTSR are achieved.	To work with to agree project works To work with RBK on Riverside Strategy JD to lead for TLS with RL through JTSR RBK contact Colin Stewart	To meet with RBK and their consultants. To set out the TLS priorities. To investigate whether the TLS could be placed to lead the implementation of any proposals that lead from the SPD.
27 Canbury Gardens Promenade and Riverbank Naturalisation	For the TLS to work with RBK to fundraise for the improvement to the Promenade and naturalise the riverbank on the lower section of riverside. Canbury gardens working group, Sand martin back osprey pole, Swift pole crowd funder Naturalisation of Canbury Riverside. To identify funding to implement project as set out in the Canbury Gardens SPD. To work with the EA to ensure that the scheme is included in the River Thames Scheme list of priorities.	To include the re classification of the Promenade as the cycle route. To put in place measures to improve the connection around the back of the Boaters ph. To enhance access from the Promenade to the lower path and to open up views into the rest of the gardens. To raise the funds for nature based solutions that would see the naturalisation of the riverbank – in partnership with the River Thames Scheme. RBK contact Eliot Newton and Colin Stewart JD TLS lead	The TLS priority is to work with RBK to designate the upper promenade as the designated cycle route. Only once this has been done can the TLS start to fundraise for riverbank naturalisation. For the TLS to implement volunteer work. RA Phase Two Priority Project
28 Canbury Gardens Riverside Entrances	To put in place a project to enhance the two riverside entrances to Canbury Gardens and the raised promenade	To work with RBK on developing the project including the identification of potential funds JD to lead for TLS with RL through JTSR RBK contact Colin Stewart JD TLS lead	To work with RBK to ensure that the project is included in RBK's TfL cycling funding bids. To position the TLS to develop and consultant the scheme with appropriate management fees. For the TLS to implement volunteer work.
29 Kingston Biodiversity Action Plan	To update and implement the RBK Biodiversity Action Plan for the Thames	To continue to monitor the plan through the RBK Biodiversity partnership. RBK Contact Elliot Newton. TLS Contact Laura Nee	TLS wrote the plan. Ongoing

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30 Canbury Gardens to Lower Ham Road Conservation Programme	To continue to work with the Surrey Care Trust to manage the riverbanks and towpath at Canbury Gardens and Lower Ham Road to Borough Stone through the implementation of the TLS Towpath Management Plan	To manage scrub and provide biodiversity enhancements to the riverbank in partnership with Surrey Care Trust. TLS RL main contact RBK Eliot Newton Surrey Care Trust contact Roger Thompson TLS sets work, SCT gains volunteers and manages the work Funded 2023 through RA and EA funding	Implementation Volunteers JAN / Feb 2023, Dec 2023 SWINGBRIDGE with 8 volunteers / community pay back volunteers 10 x days
31 The Restoration of the Home Park Water Meadows On-going Conservation Management ; heavy horses	To restore and enhance the valuable habitat of the meadows located on the eastern boundary of Home Park. To restore the natural floodplain and introduce river measures Funding for on-going conservation management to be carried out by heavy horses	Reedbed cutting winter 2023 TLS contact RL HRP contact Nick Garbutt Funded through EA funding	Volunteers and heavy horses in order to sustain the restoration work 5 day Operation Centaur Swingbridge Longford River completion of project March 2023
32 The Restoration of the Home Park Water Meadows Education Activities	To carry out two guided walks through the restored water meadows	Educational activities to promote and raise awareness of the TLS restoration LN to lead. One walk following the RA conference. One summer walk with local residents. Funded through EA.	2 x guided walks

Reach 6, 7, 8 and 9: Proposed Project work: Teddington, Twickenham, Ham and Richmond

Project Name Ref	Project Description	Additional Information Partners, Funding, Management, Timeframes	January 2023 Update
3 The Richmond Park Conduit Houses	The Richmond Park conduit houses connected Richmond Park with Richmond Palace in order to supply fresh water. Interpretation of the Richmond Park conduit houses in partnership with the Royal Parks. Linked to wider educational project and potential walking trails linking the Thames with the park.	2023 To scope a project to increase understand to the Richmond Park Conduit Houses. TLS contact JD and LN 6 days RP Contact Joe Scrivener	Scope, identify potential funding Open house walk – LN
34 The Old Deer Park and Kew Towpath	As appropriate continue to gap up and repair any spiling to the riverside	To use volunteers as a demonstration on the benefits of natural riverbank management. To take local groups and agencies on site visits to demonstrate – 4 x year TLS Contact LN LBRUT contact Tasha Hunter	As needed, the TLS will continue to monitor the spiling and repair as needed. Material can be cut and re-used, time can be weaved into existing TLS volunteer programme.
35 The Old Deer Park Floodplain Restoration 'An Agreeable Wilderness'	To work with statutory agencies and LBRUT and local groups and societies to continue to develop the project to restore the natural floodplain to the Old Deer Park	During 2023, the TLS will continue to consult and refine aspirations for the ODP to investigate the potential to restore the natural floodplain. This will be through the JTSR and RA Phase Two. To carry out an invertebrate survey to the ha-ha and wet woodland. To raise the funding for an archaeological survey RA Phase Two priority project – investigate fundraising to further scope the scheme. To begin dialogue with the Crown Estate. TLS contact – JD LBRUT contact YK EA contact - JB	Continue to develop the scheme and identify potential funding. To include the scheme on the TE2100 action list for habitat creation and possible biodiversity off setting.

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36 Old Deer Park Ha ha Pennywort	Floating Pennywort is beginning to dominate the ha-ha and a plan for its management needs to be put in place.	To investigate how to manage the issue and funding sources. TLS contact – JD LBRUT contact YK EA contact - AL	Project to start in April 2023
37 Kew Meridian Interpretation Panels	The 1999 interpretation panels to the two viewing places for the Kew Meridian have worn away. To work with CE, FODP and LBRUT to replace the panels	To replace the worn out steel interpretation panels on both upstream and downstream viewing platforms. To investigate funding and ownership. Project in partnership with the Old Deer Park Working Group TLS contact – JD LBRUT contact YK ODPWG contact – Peter Willan	Fundraise – 2023 Implement – late 2023
38 LBRUT Riverside Strategy	To work with LBRUT to develop a riverside strategy. To ensure that the goals of the JTSR, TLS and RA are weaved into the plan. To develop a plan that looks holistically at the use and future viability of the floodplain including the way that the revetments and the towpath / backwaters interact.	TE2100 10 Year Review looks likely to ask for each riparian borough to create a riverside strategy. It is suggested that this should be carried out in partnership with the JTSR process. To work with LBRUT to investigate scope of scheme. To ensure that TLS is talking to all LBRUT departments including parks, highways etc. To ensure that TE2100 goals are accounted for in the plan.	JTSR
39 Bucclugh Gardens – wetland area	To create a wetland garden on the floodable part of Bucclugh Gardens	The lower section of the gardens is inundated with water regularly and as such is now dominated by emerging wetland species as it cannot be mown. To investigate measures to enhance this wetland with associated improvements to the desire path. In partnership with the Richmond Society	Scope TLS contact – JD LBRUT contact TH

Reach 6, 7, 8 and 9: Proposed Project work: Teddington, Twickenham, Ham and Richmond

Project Name Ref	Project Description	Additional Information Partners, Funding, Management, Timeframes	January 2023 Update
40 Shires on the Avenues	To manage the Ham Avenues using TLS volunteers and heavy horses operated by Operation Centaur.	To manage the Ham Avenues using heavy horses in partnership with LBRYT Parks department, FHL and appointed contractors. TLS contact – RL LBRUT contact TH	Laying great south avenue hedge Consulting and cutting Great River avenue with shire horses 4 days
41 Ham & Petersham Back Water Hydrological Monitoring	To carry out a hydrological survey of the Petersham and Ham backwaters	To carry out a hydrological survey of the Petersham and Ham backwaters. To agree scope of project. Appointment of David Mould to carry out the work through LBRUT Parks. Summer 2023 – summer 2024. To establish and train a regular citizen science monitoring gang – RL TLS contact – JD LBRUT contact TH	To organise a volunteer group to measure water levels.
42 Teddington lock Ann's Garden	In partnership with the Teddington Society to restore and create a tidally fed wetland gardens at the draw dock near Teddington Lock	Funded through the Ann Sayer legacy The scheme needs EA permission to repair the existing garden. Contact from the EA needed.	2 x interpretation panels Permissions for repair
43 Ham, Petersham , Richmond and Twickenham Conservation Work	To work with the LBRuT and appointed contractors to continue to manage riverside vegetation through the volunteer programme.	To manage scrub and provide biodiversity enhancements. To work with Petersham Sea Scouts – dock removal.	TLS work to clear encroaching vegetation at identified sites. Litter picking.
44 Riverside House Twickenham	To repopen the Orleans House vista. To manage the main TLS vistas in order to keep them clear of vegetation. To include TLS managed volunteer work .	In partnership with landowner and PLA	Ongoing

Reach 6, 7, 8 and 9: Proposed Project work: Teddington, Twickenham, Ham and Richmond

Project Name Ref	Project Description	Additional Information Partners, Funding, Management, Timeframes	January 2023 Update
45 Queen Elizabeth's Field	Scrub Clearance, wetland Management and repair of kissing gate and fence	To implement and instal the RA projects	On-going
46 Ham and Petersham RA Phase Two Petersham Meadow	To work with the Petersham Environment Trust and NT to investigate how the meadow can be made resilient to climate change as part of the TLS JTSR and RA Phase Two.	To work with the Petersham Environment Trust and NT to investigate how the meadow can be made resilient to climate change as part of the TLS JTSR and RA Phase Two. To continue to scope the potential for RA Phase Two through the JTSR	Scope and continue consultation
47 Eel Pie Island Sand Martin Bank		Upgrade £2k GCRF WEBCAM £4.5k GCRF	To implement and instal the RA project
48 Douglas Meadow and Hammertons Boardwalks	Repair	To work in partnership with LBRUT to scope and fundraise for the repair of the two boardwalks	On-going

Reach 10, 11 and 12: Proposed Project work: Isleworth, Syon and Brentford

Project Name Ref	Project Goal	Project description	Action
49 Isleworth Ferry	To continue to monitor potential funding to restore and open the Isleworth Ferry		Scope project, write funding bid. City Bridge Trust. To identify a partner to manage the ferry
50 Brentford Creek	To fundraise and install an interpretation panel		Complete project
51 Isleworth and Brentford Conservation Work	To work with the LBH and appointed contractors to agree the Towpath Management Plan and subsequently to roll out to manage the riverbanks through the volunteer programme.	To manage scrub and provide biodiversity enhancements	3 days TLS work to clear encroaching vegetation at identified sites. Litter picking.
52 Gannash	To work with partners to identify a permanent place for the Hounslow Hindu community to carry out their religious events particularly Gannash	To work with LBH on the Dukes Meadow scheme to find a home for Gannash at the old Bandstand area.	Manage the annual Gannash festival To identify a sponsor
53 LBH Outreach Work		Syon house bat walks cool walks sensory garden for blind Hounslow equalities and diversity team Hogarth's house – equality with environment	
54 Syon Flood Meadows	To work with Syon Estates to manage scrub growth along the Thames		2 x volunteer days
55 LBH Riverside Strategy	Through the JTSR work in partnership to scope and develop a riverside strategy for the LBH		JTSR

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