



Thames Valley Flood Scheme

April 2025 project closure



Thames Valley Flood Scheme reviewed options to reduce flood risk across the Thames catchment. We found that large scale flood storage in upper areas of the catchment, does have potential to help reduce flood risk downstream. But the cost of building these is too large compared to the benefits and we would not gain funding and approvals. This means that we are not able to proceed with the Thames Valley Flood Scheme at this time.

This is our last newsletter from the Thames Valley Flood Scheme.

If you would like to know about any other Environment Agency work please contact our area engagement team at enquiries_THM@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Moving forward

We are not continuing to develop the Thames Valley Flood Scheme's proposal for catchment wide flood storage or large scale natural flood management. At the Environment Agency, we remain dedicated to reducing flood risk in the Thames area by:

- Continuing to plan and deliver local flood reduction schemes as well as maintaining our existing assets, in line with government investment plans.
- Working with partner organisations such as councils to support their surface water schemes and explore smaller scale opportunities to manage flood risk in the area.
- Keep working with communities to understand their flood risk and know how to prepare for and respond to flooding.
- Continue to warn and inform communities when a flood is expected through our Flood Warning Service, giving people time to act.



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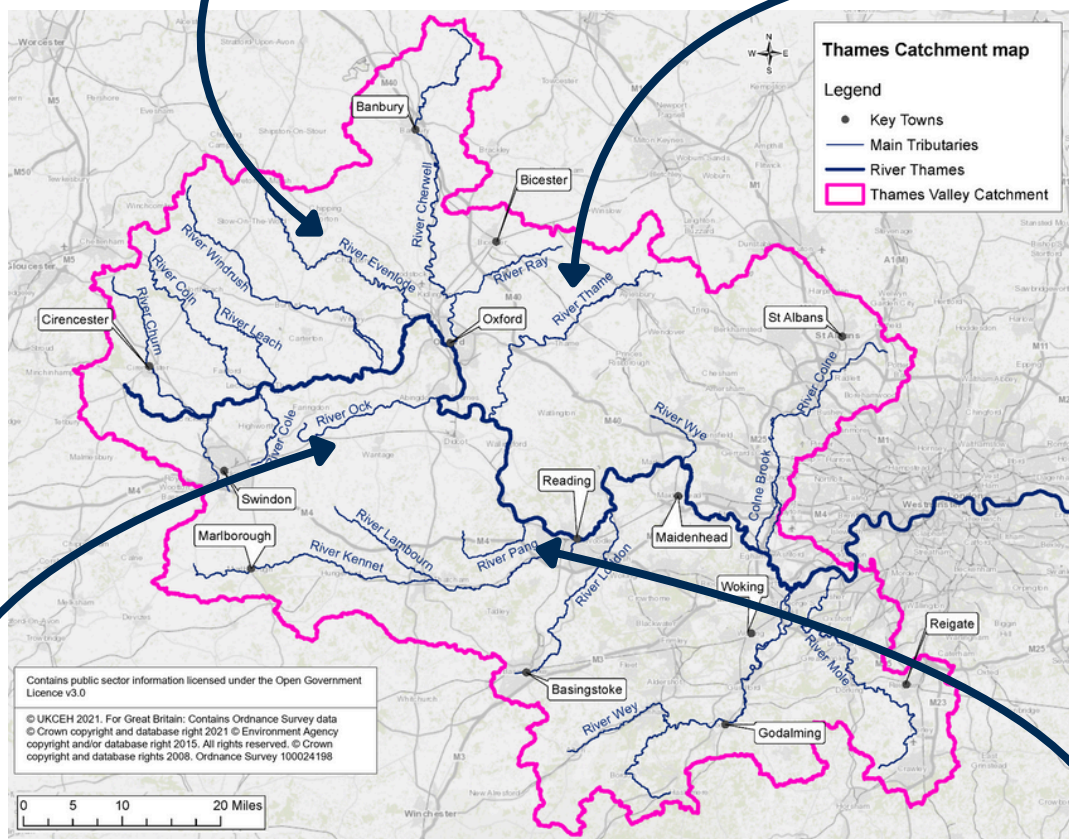
As our project comes to a close, we want to assure you that any personal data shared with us will be securely deleted in compliance with GDPR regulations.

Other work across the area

Although we are not continuing with the Thames Valley Flood Scheme, there is lots of great natural flood management work happening across the Thames Valley. Here we highlight some of the work being delivered by the Environment Agency and partners.

The Evenlode Landscape Recovery Project is a natural flood management and river restoration project being led by the North East Cotswolds Farmer Cluster across approximately 4,500 hectares of land over around 60 farms. You can read more [here](#).

The Chearsley Floodplain Restoration project created a wetland mosaic to increase ecosystem benefits and reduce flooding. You can read more [here](#).



River Thames and its water catchment

The Ock Arable Project helps Ock farmers to develop plans to reduce pollution and identify opportunities for natural flood management on their land. You can read more [here](#).

The Englefield Estate plans to carry out works on the River Pang to reduce downstream flood risk through a suite of natural flood management interventions. You can read more [here](#).