

## **Back to the Future Stream Clean! - Owmbly**

**Date:** Saturday 3rd October - 10:00am - 3.30pm (approx.)

**Location:** Owmbly Beck – Grid reference – TA 07028 03955 ([www.gridreferencefinder.com](http://www.gridreferencefinder.com))

**Details:** This is a site that was worked on by the Lincolnshire Chalk Streams Project nearly 10 years ago, in 2006!

In 2006 12 wetland shelves were excavated, totalling over 500m of created wetland habitat. A variety of shelf design ensured that conditions were suitable for a greater number of marginal plant species and created a variety of different habitats for amphibians, invertebrates and water vole.

Since then it has very successfully naturalised but is in need of a bit of help. The success of the vegetation growth on the banks has meant that the stream is slowly being shaded all the way along. There has also been a slow build up of silt, especially where the stream runs under a road and then turns sharply to the left.

The day will, therefore, involve removing some of the vegetation from the banks to allow light to reach the stream, and light raking of the stream bed to loosen and wash some of the unwanted silt away.

The day will also include a 'stream dip' to look at the important invertebrates that form such an important part of this delicate ecosystem.

Please wear suitable clothing i.e. long trousers and long sleeved top and bring waterproofs just in case! A sturdy set of boots is essential.

No previous knowledge or experience needed, just your enthusiasm! Get in touch if you're interested via Facebook or email [william.bartle@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:william.bartle@lincolnshire.gov.uk)