

Bilton Beck Habitat Survey

On April 13th, Prof. Jonny Grey of Wild Trout Trust, with NAG and Bilton Conservation Group members, undertook a survey of the full length of the Beck to assess its habitat for animal and plant life. There's certainly invertebrate life under the stones of the beck bed.



Jonny will send us his report, which will include possible ways in which the habitat could be improved ecologically.

During the survey we visited our sampling site 26, near Woodfield road, where Bilton Beck emerges from one of three outflow pipes from Bilton housing estates into the open air. You will recall that this sample location had extremely high E.coli and phosphate concentrations in our surveys in August and October 2023

The LHS outfall (with a grill) had a strong smell of sewage and a trickle of flow from the pipe, with sanitary products in a bush just downstream of the pipe.



The incident has been reported to the Environment Agency Incident Hotline

Telephone: 0800 80 70 60

Our report number is 225 7248. We await a response, and will report back.