

Concerned about illegal moorings on our riverside?

Reclaim our Riverbank

Join the campaign to improve the amenity of the beautiful Thames riverbank in Richmond & Kingston

In the 1950s, the Thames was declared biologically dead. Rejuvenation efforts since then mean it's now cleaner than it has been in more than 100 years. But residents of Richmond and Kingston are unable to enjoy the full beauty of the river because of the long-standing and growing problem of illegally moored boats. The problem is particularly acute just upstream of Teddington Lock but extends both up and down river throughout the boroughs.

Not only are the boats illegally moored, they are

unsightly and are associated with anti-social behaviour including dumping rubbish, drug use, noise, drunken and aggressive behaviour,



discharging human waste into the river and physical damage to the river bank and surroundings. However, authorities in both Richmond and Kingston have been slow

to act for a variety of reasons including costs and concerns about the response from the boat community.

It seems the authorities will only act under pressure from the community so local residents have formed a single-issue group – **Reclaim our Riverbank** – with the aim of encouraging the respective councils, the Environment Agency and the police to take effective action and treat the matter as a high priority.

The group is not aligned to any political party.



How to make a difference

- **Join** Reclaim our Riverbank – in the first instance send an email to reclaimourriverbank@gmail.com
- **Let us know** if you can volunteer any time to work with the group or volunteer any skills (e.g. web design, leaflet design, leaflet delivery, street representative)
- **Write** to your local MP and local councillors about the issue. Be specific about your concerns (e.g. rubbish, environmental degradation).

What does Reclaim our Riverbank do?

- **Lobbies** local and national politicians of all parties about our concerns
- **Raises** awareness of the issues around illegally moored boats and the damage they cause to the river and surrounds
- **Campaigns** for a riverbank that can be enjoyed by the law-abiding majority
- **Helps** co-ordinate local action and groups on the specific issue of illegally moored boats.

You can opt out of receiving e mails from the group at any time – just let us know.

We guarantee not to share any of your personal details with anyone without your consent and to use your details only in connection with the Reclaim our Riverbank campaign.