

# Cam Valley Forum

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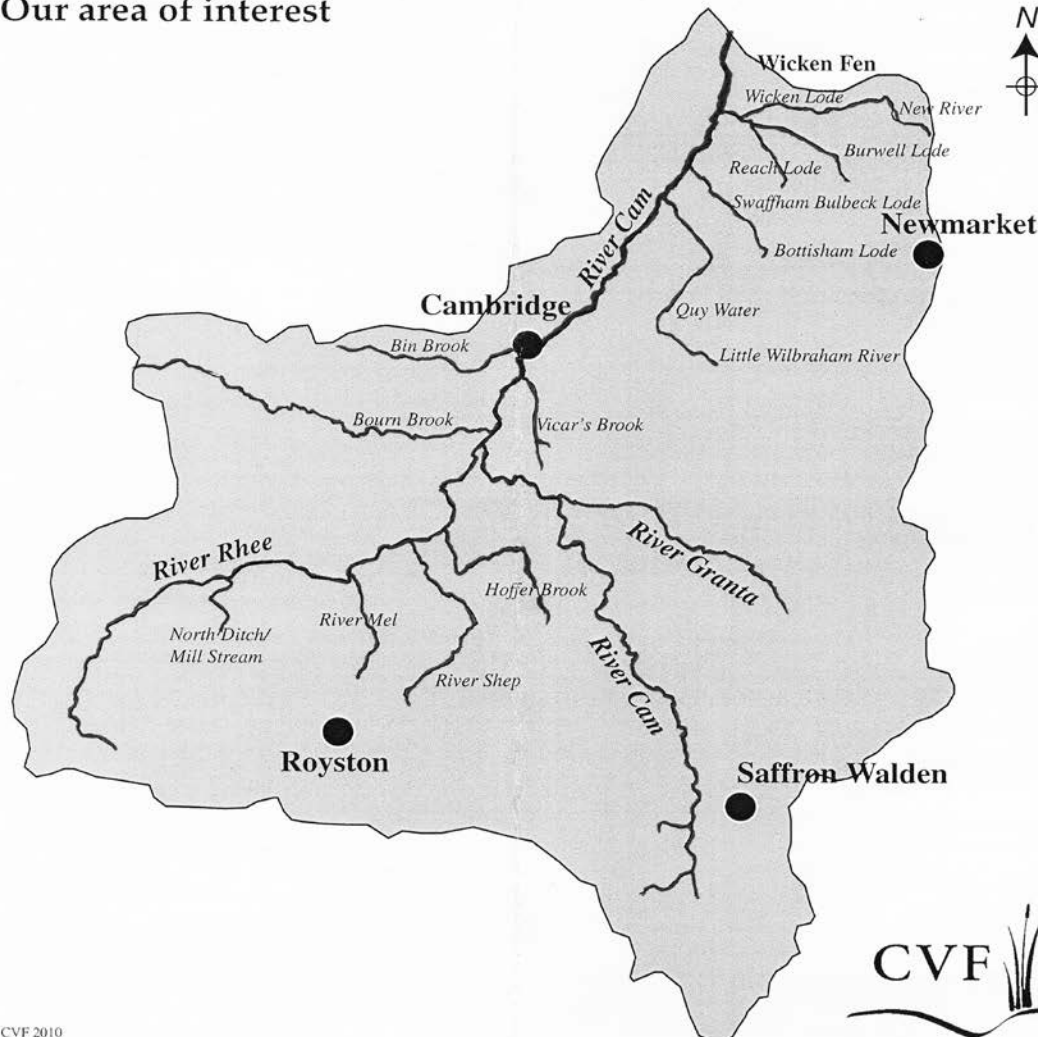


- ~ launched in 2001
- ~ threat of urban growth on river and landscape
- ~ focus on Byron's Pool to Baits Bite lock
- ~ historic and literary associations

# *you can't cut a river off from its tributaries*



Our area of interest



# Not just urban growth



## other problems

- ~ loss of wildlife habitats over centuries
- ~ invasive flora and fauna
- ~ pollution and litter
- ~ declining river flows

## but scope to improve

- ~ river restoration –for wildlife and people
- ~ by official bodies ... & *voluntary action*

# Our Vision



- ~ clean water and more even flows
- ~ varied profiles and restored meanders
- ~ more wet meadows and riverside trees
- ~ old willows protected & pollarded
- ~ buffers between river and agriculture
- ~ free from litter and invasive species
- ~ people enjoying the river – but gently
- ~ understanding the river ecology
- ~ looking after river and streams



# clean water

## one of many clear chalk springs





and not this





# sensitive habitats protected

near kingfisher bank at Trumpington Meadows





# making streams more sinuous

work by River Mel Restoration Group



# strengthening banks softly work by the Cam Conservancy





# new wet meadows work at Trumpington Meadows.





**more care in using herbicides**  
**even the Environment Agency needs**  
**to be watched**





# enjoying the river – gently





without harming wildlife or  
annoying other people





scope for children to enjoy ... &  
grow to love and care for them



# What does the forum do?



- ~ shares information – e.g. e-newsletter
- ~ comments on planning proposals
- ~ keeps a watch on pollution
- ~ clears litter and removes invasive plants
- ~ seeks better management of riversides
- ~ guided walks and occasional workshops
- ~ small grants to river groups and projects



# watch on pollution and polluted sites



# litter from the river





# remove invasive vegetation floating pennywort from Coldham's Brook





# good management of riverside meadows





# workshops and guided walks





# contribute to projects by other bodies





# help new riverside groups

## start-up grant to Mel Group



# Not enough – our river and streams need your help



- ~ join an existing local river group
- ~ form a new local river group
- ~ volunteer with the Wildlife Trust, your local council or the Cam Conservancy
- ~ watch for pollution and ring the EA hotline if you see a problem – 0800807060
- ~ offer to become river warden
- ~ maybe join the Cam Valley Forum



# How we could help you



- ~ information, what's going on, and opportunities for volunteering
- ~ sign up for our newsletter
- ~ advice, or links to sources of advice
- ~ small grants to help a group get started or carry out a project
- ~ guidance and support for river wardens – let us know if interested in becoming a warden

# THANK YOU



Now over to the real experts – Ruth, Monica and Rob – who are much more actively and directly involved in river restoration and working with volunteers

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