

Volunteer guidance for bathing status observation survey

What to do:

1. Print out (or arrange for me to get a print out to you of the) volunteer observation sheet. Here is the link if you need it:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ycS2hH76w-9GtpyzFFku8L9kZ4VTRT1a8x2ak5IC2LY/edit?usp=sharing>
Fill out the details on the sheet - most are self explanatory. Use a weather app to find the temperature and simply give a yes/no answer to whether there is rain or not.
2. Use a clicker if you would like to (ask me) or simply tally or count how many swimmers and other riverbank or water users. Use your own judgement to separate adults and children (<18yrs). Record on the sheet.
3. Take photos as additional evidence and send to sophie.westwood@calstockparishcouncil.gov.uk Please save them for now, just in case.
4. Either put the sheet through my letterbox at Hunters Moon, Higher Kelly, or take a photo and email it to me at the address above along with the supporting photos.

Who to count and where: (I had a conversation with Defra about this)

1. At the quay
 - most likely to see children swimming from pontoon here - most important to capture these
 - paddle boarders count as swimmers (due to greater likelihood of ending up as a swimmer!)
 - kayakers, canoeists, people on boats big and small all count as other water users.
 - riverbank users include people on the village green (including the concrete area/picnic tables) and in the playship area
 - if you can spend some time watching the river for more water users passing by then obviously the count will be higher, which is what we want.
2. Tow path
 - all the people walking along the tow path (from the sewage works to the village)
 - also count people walking on the footpath on the Devon side

Timings:

For obvious reasons more people use the river at high tide, so please time your observation to coincide with it on the day you have chosen. You can simply go to the quay and along the tow path and do a count of the above (plus take some photographic evidence). However, the longer you spend observing the river, the more passing water users you are likely to pick-up, as well as the spontaneous bathers that fancy cooling off and more walkers/birders etc. which is obviously what we want.