

**VOTE FOR THE DUKE’S RIVER AND HELP RAISE £400,000 TO IMPROVE ACCESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL VALUE**

The GLA has launched a public vote as a means of allocating funding for environmental improvements across London. The Duke of Northumberland’s River has been shortlisted and we now need your vote to help fund the project.

The Duke’s River runs for four kilometres from the River Crane in Twickenham to the River Thames at Isleworth. It was constructed during the reign of Henry VIII and remains as a remarkable wildlife and walking corridor. It is possible to walk its entire length, but access is poor in places, the route is not waymarked and is little known locally.

This project will improve public access along the river as well as protect and enhance its wildlife value. Physical improvements will be complemented by maps and leaflets to engage local communities and schools.

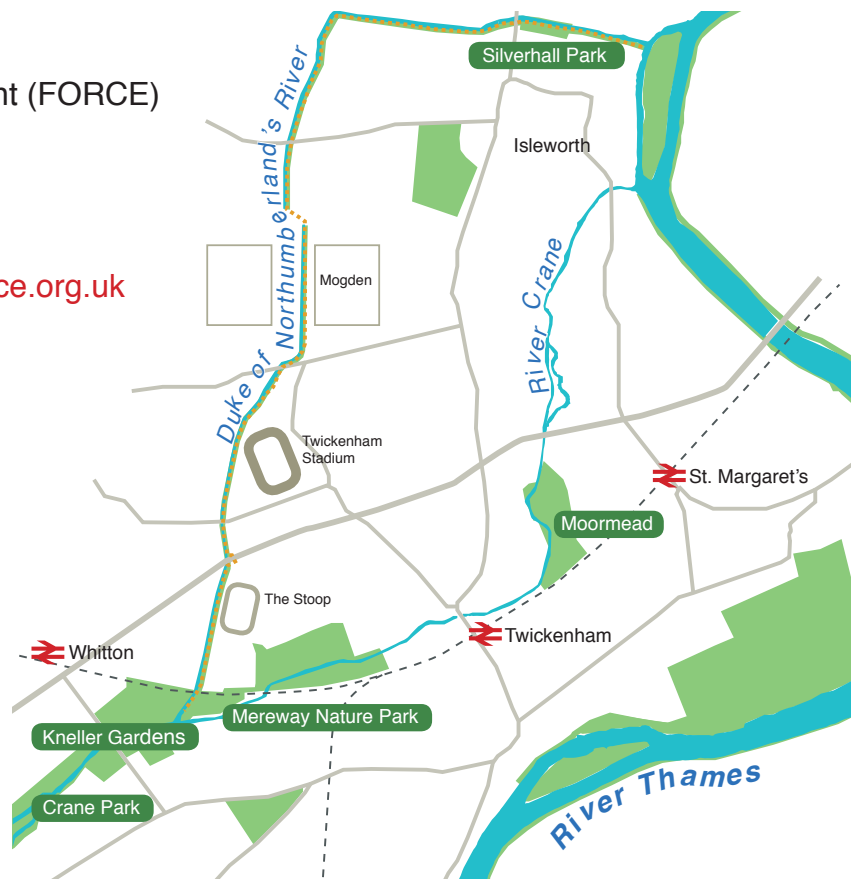
A consortium of local community groups and the two councils has been brought together to provide match funding and deliver the project. We now need your vote to help qualify for GLA funding of £175,000, to go with around £225,000 of match funding. If the vote is successful then improvement works would start this summer.

To vote go to [www.london.gov.uk/biggreenpoll](http://www.london.gov.uk/biggreenpoll) and vote for “Duke’s River Link”

Rob Gray, Chair of FORCE, said; *“This vote represents a unique opportunity to deliver major improvements to this precious but neglected local resource. Your vote can help transform this river corridor and secure it’s environmental and heritage value for generations to come”.*

The consortium includes:  
 Friends of the River Crane Environment (FORCE)  
 London Borough of Richmond  
 London Borough of Hounslow  
 Crane Valley Partnership

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Friends of the River Crane Environment (FORCE) is an environmental and community based charity with over 500 members. FORCE was formed in the summer of 2003 to represent the interests of local residents regarding the River Crane and Duke of Northumberland’s River and their respective corridors and to provide sustainable improvements to these environments for the benefit of local people and visitors, the flora and fauna.