



Crane Valley Trail

Condition Report 2025



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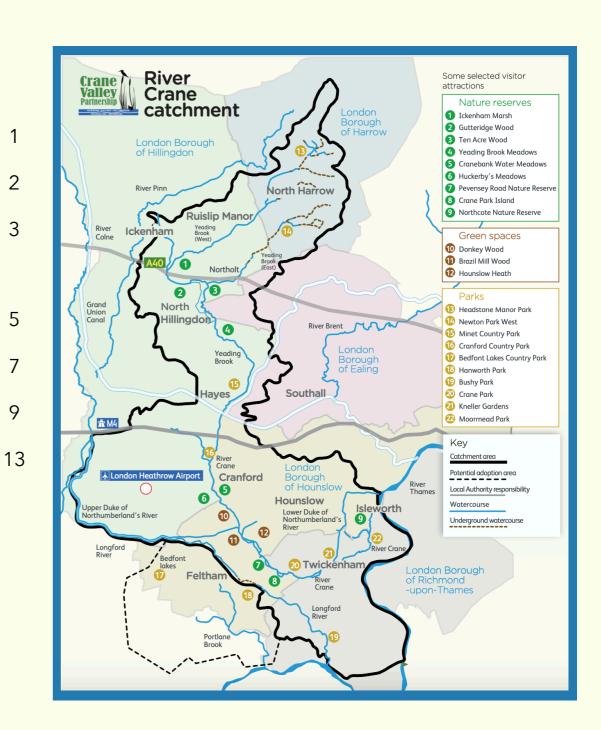
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Introduction

he Crane Valley Partnership (CVP) is an unincorporated association of charities, community groups, borough councils, private businesses and government agencies in the five boroughs within the River Crane catchment area (London Boroughs of Harrow, Hillingdon, Ealing, Hounslow and Richmond upon Thames). The Partnership aims to restore one of London's most natural river systems, conserve surrounding habitats and improve public access so that nearby communities can enjoy contact with the natural world.

CVP is formally recognised by the Environment Agency as the catchment partnership for the River Crane catchment. All CVP Partners are committed to the principle of collectively managing the water environment at the catchment scale through the Catchment Based Approach (CaBA) which has been Government (Defra) policy since 2013.

Under CaBA, catchment partnerships are viewed as the key mechanism for bringing together all relevant local partners in order to develop a shared vision for the catchment, undertake catchment planning in a holistic way and leverage 'additional joint action and external investment' to deliver a range of environmental, social and economic benefits.

CVP's mission is to:

- raise awareness of, and support action for, conservation,
 restoration and new approaches to design and management of the river valley
- help communities take a sustainable approach to managing and improving the River Crane and its tributaries
- Improve and protect biodiversity in the area
- maximise the use of the river corridor as a resource for healthier living and educational activities for local people
- promote connectivity along the river corridor

For more information on CVP's approach, aims and objectives, please see our *Strategy for the Crane Catchment 2018-2028*.

CVP delivers its strategic mission within the Crane catchment through promotional activity, advocacy work and by identifying and supporting projects. On such project is the development of a **Crane Valley Trail** that utilises existing strategic routes to create a riverside trail along the main spine of the River Crane system, from Harrow to Isleworth.

Survey Overview

Three walks along the Crane Valley Trail were led by FORCE and Crane Valley CIC in June 2025. These walks explored the emerging route(s) along the Trail and allowed the public and interested parties to find out more about the Trail. They also provided an opportunity to evaluate the condition and value of the Trail - using the methodology set out below:

- 1. Divide each walk into sections of similar character for example Headstone Manor Park would be reach 1; the road to Yeading Walk reach 2; and Yeading Walk itself reach 3
- 2. Walkers carry out informal scoring against various criteria for each reach as follows:
 - Usage (this was clearly weather dependent) plus a walk through count including the ratio of men to women
 - Environmental value (green space)
 - Environmental value (blue space)
 - How visible is the river seen from the path
 - Community value
 - Condition (including litter etc)
 - Access, signage and waymarking
 - Sense of safety
- 3. Each of these criteria were marked out of 5 giving an overall subjective score for each reach out of 40
- 4. There is a separate section for comments
- 5. The results were also a subject for discussion and debate whilst walking

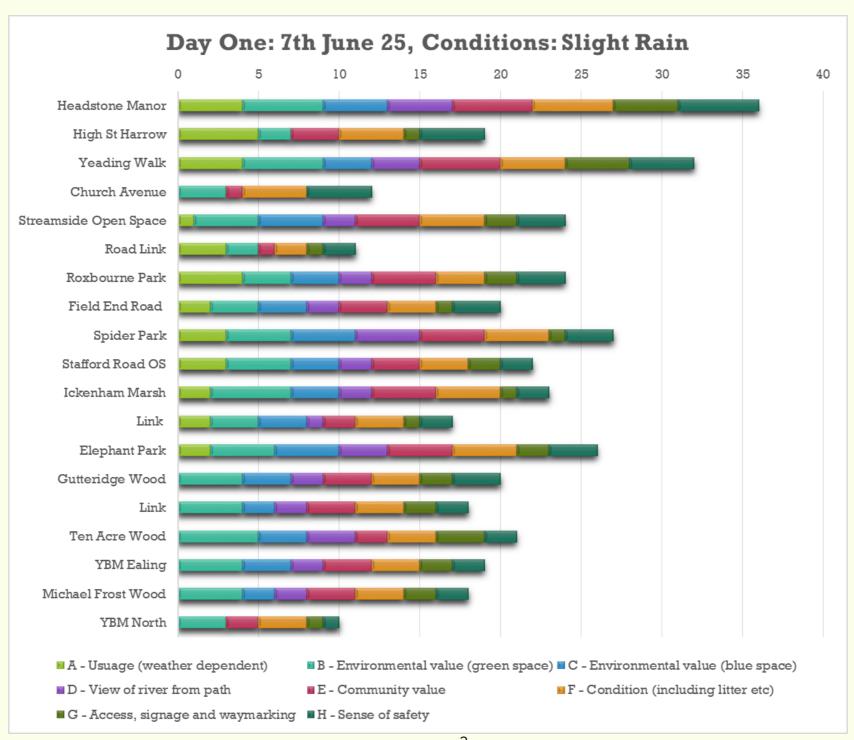
Summary plots are provided that collate all the scores provided in the main report and the raw data are shown in the Appendix.

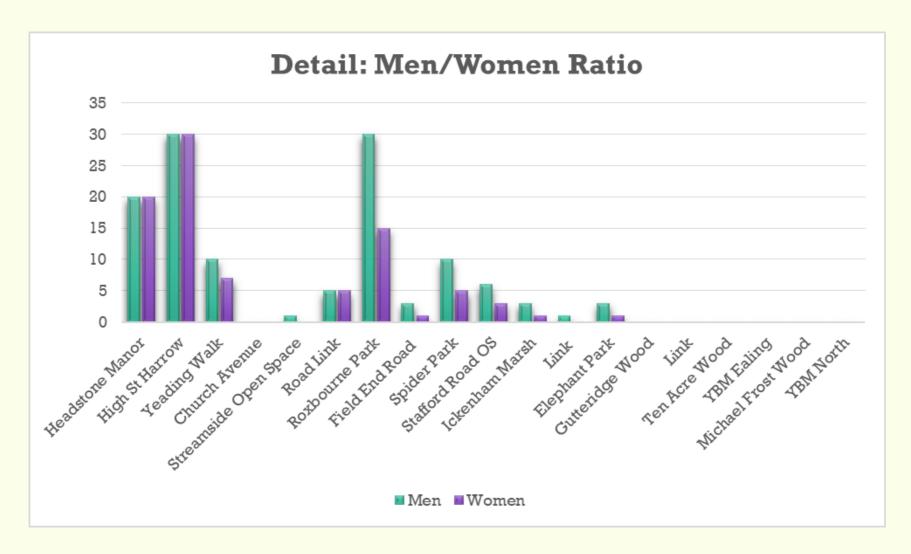




Day 1 - Headstone Manor to Yeading Brook Meadows (north)

The data for the numbers of people seen at each site are plotted in the graph below, along with the split between men and women (overleaf). The raw data are listed in the Appendix. Note that the walkers typically spent around half an hour in each site.



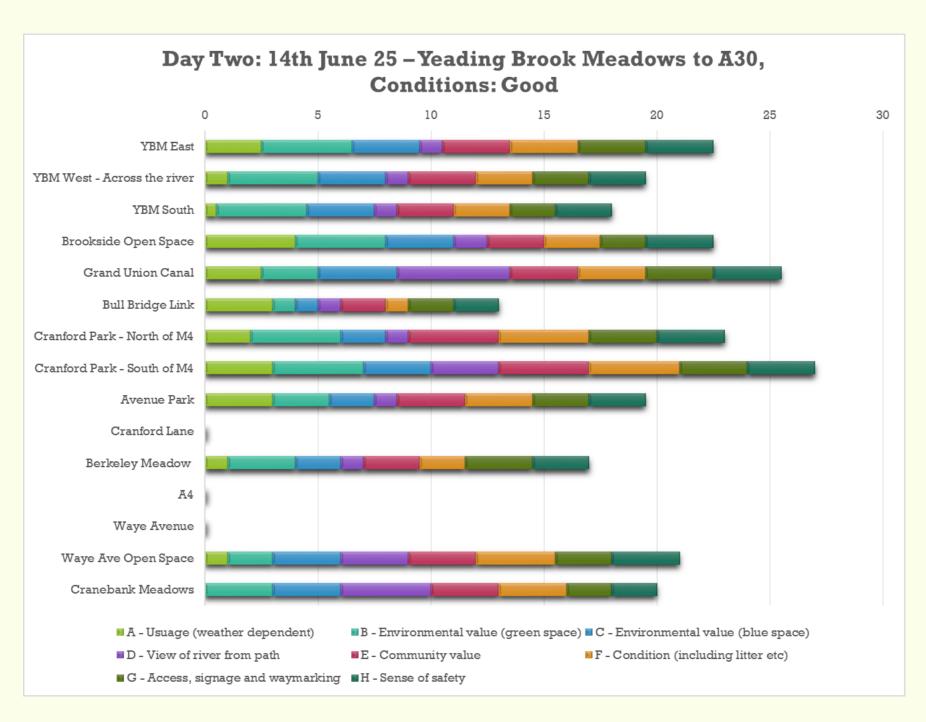


Rob Gray (FORCE/CVCIC) also made the following observations from the first leg:

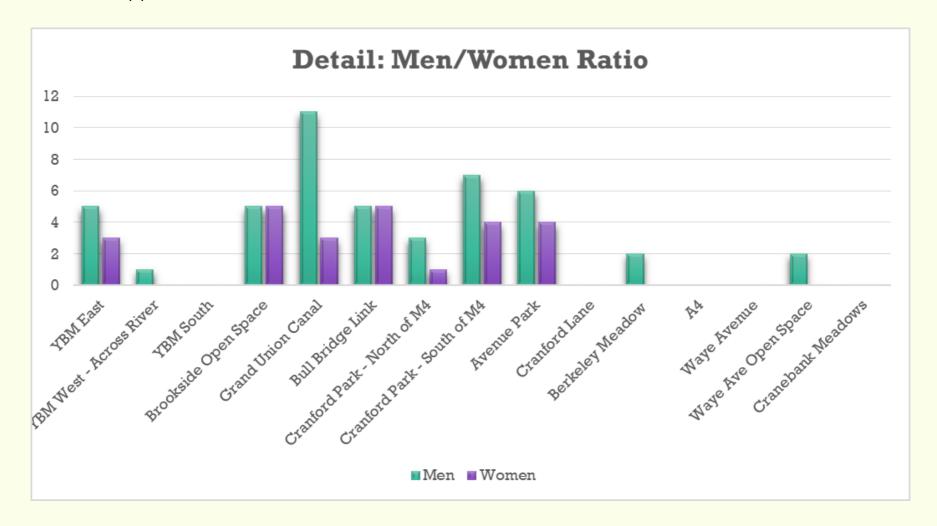
- Overall the condition of the path and the open spaces has improved significantly over the 22 years we (FORCE) have been doing this walk and also over the 3 years since last time we did the whole thing
- The open spaces are generally in good condition and the pathway is generally passable. There was much less litter and fewer signs of anti-social behaviour than previously
- There are several river improvements seen and these have made a significant difference to the look and feel of the places
- The largest difference is at Headstone Manor, which is now a real gem, and where we saw more people than anywhere else. Yeading Walk is also impressive in terms of the high value of the planting and the numbers using the space
- The river is still though hidden at many of the sites and the overall route remains poorly marked. The lack of people over much of the walk was very disappointing. The forecast had been poor but the actual weather for much of the walk was pleasant. The lack of seating and signage over much of the walk was also noticeable and this can discourage people from using the spaces
- The scores generally tailed off as we went downstream with the northern part of Yeading Brook meadows the worst condition part of the trail to date. Interesting to note though that the public presence reduced above this with very few people seen after we left Roxbourne Park and nobody seen in the two hours we walked from Gutteridge Wood to the end of the walk

Day 2 - Yeading Brook Meadows (south) to A30

The full sheet was completed by Rob Gray (FORCE and Crane Valley CIC) and Catherine Wyatt (FORCE). Summary scores were provided by Stephen James (Habitat and Heritage). A total of 15 sites were visited over a length of 13km. The scores for each site are summarised in the figure below and the raw data are set out in the Appendix.



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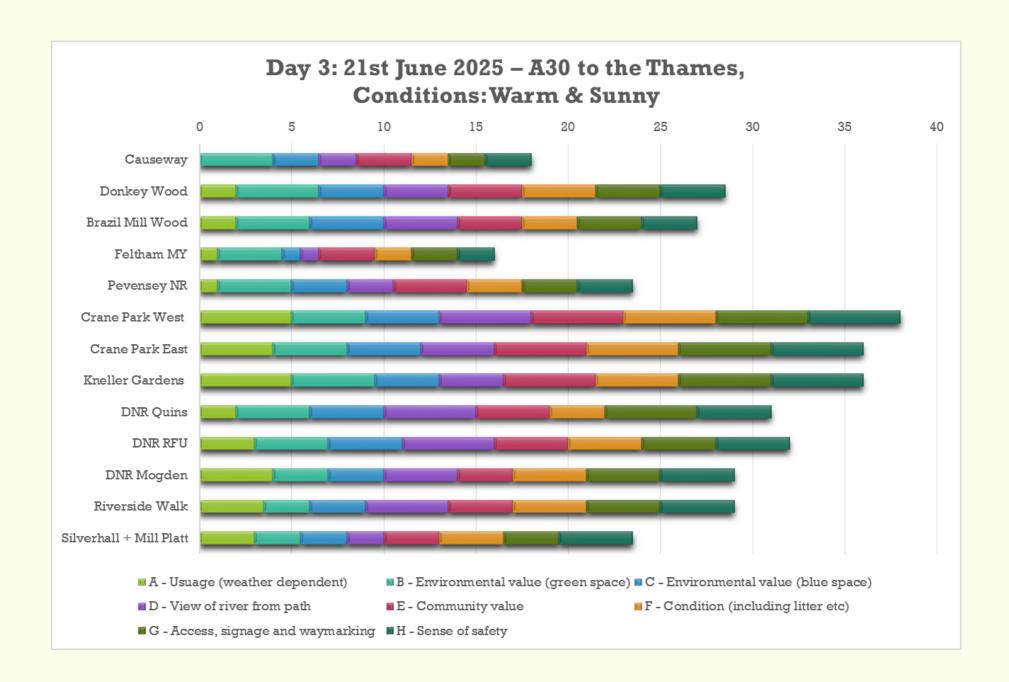


Rob Gray (FORCE/CVCIC) also made the following observations from the second leg:

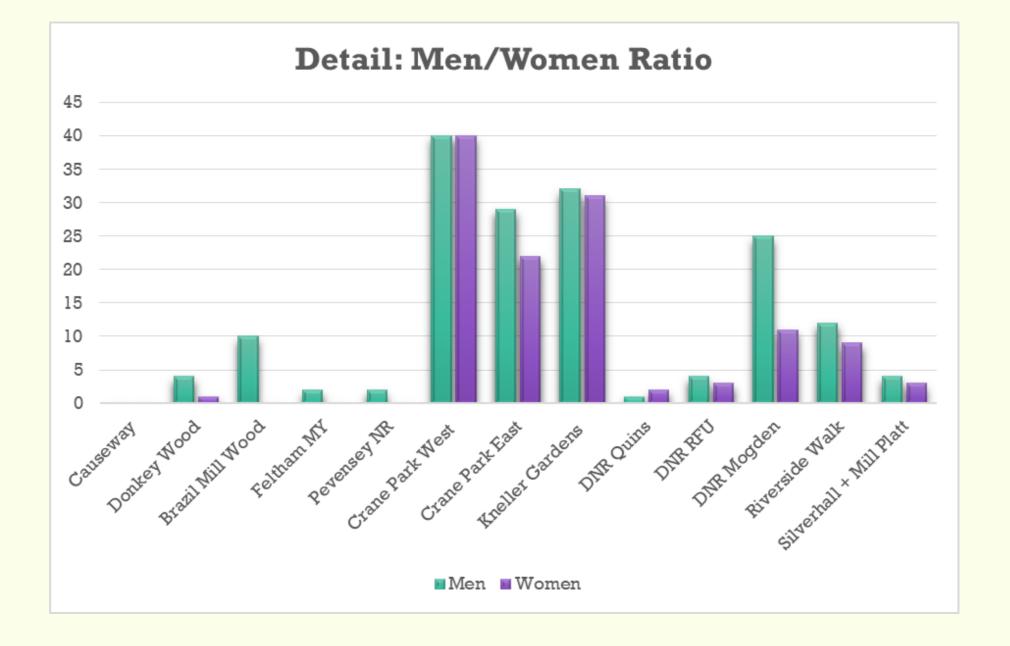
- Many of the observations are similar to the first leg: ie largely good quality open space; limited visibility of the river and very few people using most of it
- The pathways have improved since we were last here three years ago
- There are still frustrations including the A4 and A30 crossings which require major diversions. Several spaces have improved significantly though including Cranford Park and the Grand Union Canal
- Volunteer litter picking activities were very noticeable we met one group from Cranford Action Group (CAG) and an
 individual who had collected about a dozen bags. We also saw evidence of the volunteer group Litter Action Group Ealing
 Rangers (LAGER) collecting around a dozen bags of litter from the canal side
- There was still though more litter including some fly tipping along the route than we saw on the first leg, and a lot more Giant Hogweed
- The amount of knotweed and balsam was though more limited (though the river could not be seen for large stretches of the walk)

Day 3 - A30 to Thames (via LDNR)

The full sheet was completed by Rob Gray (FORCE and Crane Valley CIC) and Ellen Darbyshire (AtkinsRealis). A total of 13 sites were visited over a length of 14km. The scores for each site are summarised in the figure below and the raw data are set out in the Appendix.



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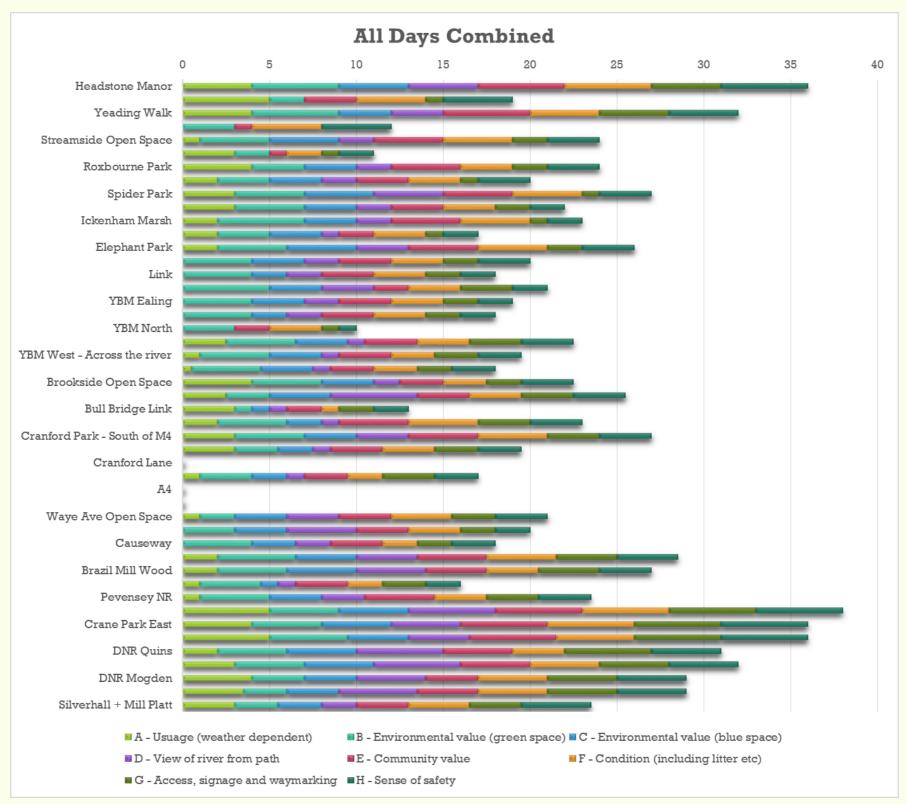


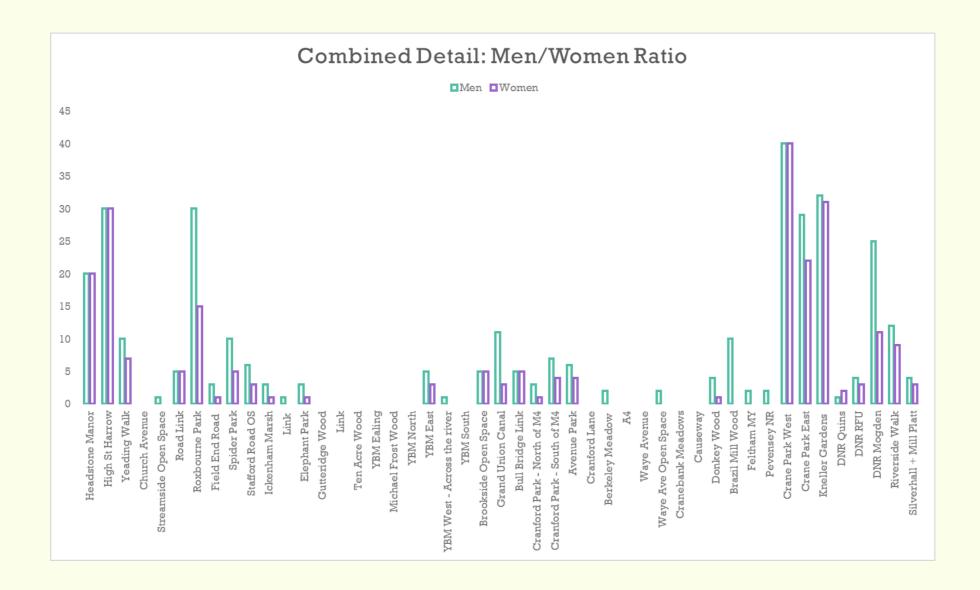
Rob Gray (FORCE/CVCIC) also made the following observations from the third leg:

- Overall this was probably the best scoring stage of the three stage walk
- There were though significant stands of hogweed and knotweed as well as the first visual evidence of floating pennywort
- The reaches between Pevensey and Kneller Gardens are by far the best used parts of the trail since we left Headstone Manor
- · They are also the only reaches since then with an open café and toilets
- The biodiversity value of the reaches are improved with more light in to the river and the community value also improves from this
- Other aspects that are missing from many of the other parts of the walk but present here are good signage and the possibility for circular walks
- It was very striking how the woodland and riverside walks kept us so much cooler on this hot summer day than any time we found ourselves along the road side the air quality was also considerably better
- This walk went along the Duke's River for the final section. There is the option of putting the main walk along the Crane for part of the way and having a secondary walk along the Duke's River

Days 1-3: combined data

Plots have also been produced that bring all the Crane Valley Trail data together in a single pair of graphs and these are shown below and overleaf:





Rob Gray also noted some overall impressions from the three stages of the Crane Valley as follows:

- The condition of the Trail is significantly better in places than when we last did it three years ago it is more coherent, with several improvements to pathways and riverside views and access. It is also very much better than when we first walked it in 2003 when large parts were difficult to negotiate and litter/fly tip strewn
- We met several groups and individuals along the way that were litter picking. This activity has increased considerably over the last five to ten years and has made a significant cumulative difference to the value of the corridor
- The upper reaches have changed significantly over the last five years with many more people seen in Headstone and Roxbourne Park for example
- The middle reaches are still little used despite being among the best habitat areas in the Crane Valley. This could be due to a combination of poor pathway condition; lack of signage and seating; lack of circular routes and lack of local publicity about the value of the sites
- It is noticeable that many of these central sites don't have local friends groups though LWT and local councils have improved some of them

- The air quality is noticeably better along the trail than in the surrounding roads and the temperature was significantly cooler when it was uncomfortably warm elsewhere
- There are many barriers along the route that would impact its use by people with pushchairs or wheelchairs. These do seem to have been effective though in reducing motorbike use we did not see one on the route (for the first time), none were heard and no obvious motorbike tracks were seen it was though very dry
- There are many places where the river cannot be seen as it is in a tunnel of hawthorn/blackthorn and trees. This reduces its biodiversity and community value. There are also opportunities, through river restoration in these areas, to significantly improve flood storage along the river. Adding a couple of cubic metres per metre along ten km of the route which seems possible from what we saw would provide an additional 20,000 cubic metres of storage into the fluvial system
- There are several significant breaks to the Trail including A4 (where the new path through Waye Avenue will help significantly); A30 (the largest break in the system); Staines Road crossing which remains a challenge
- There are feasibility studies in place now for both the A30 and Staines Road crossings and these need to be progressed
- There are other places where the Trail could be re-routed closer to the river with some work including Waye Avenue; Grand Union Canal; etc
- There is a main route and several secondary or nature routes along the Trail. This is fine and these can be marked separately
- More options also need to be developed for circular walks that link the Trail with local population centres
- The Trail also links to a number of other routes including London LOOP (better signposted than previously); Hillingdon Trail; Dogrose Ramble (LB Ealing); Inspiral London (a 350km walk along seven spiral pathways from central London to Dartford and supported by London National Park City); and the Thames path at the downstream end

Work to improve and promote the Crane Valley Trail is ongoing, led by Crane Valley CIC (with technical support from AtkinsRealis) and support and engagement from all five local authority and other landowning/managing partners. This report will be used in support of the improvement works. We also hope that the methodology set out in this report can be applied and developed as part of the ongoing works and used to track any changes over time.

Acknowledgements

FORCE and CVCIC are grateful to all the people who engaged with us on the three legs of the walk in June. Particular thanks are due to: Friends of Headstone Manor; Friends of Yeading Walk; Friends of Roxbourne Park; London Wildlife Trust; Heston Action Group; and Friends of Meadway Orchard for their welcome and guidance as we walked along. Habitats and Heritage were a key partner throughout the event which was supported in part through the LB Richmond climate fund.



Appendix - base data from the walk surveys

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| 1. | Headston e Manor | 1 | 20 | 20 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 36 90% | 32 | High value environment, well used by the public. New habitat in flood relief basin. |
| 2. | High St Harrow | 1 | 30 | 30 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 19 48% | 11 | Local person noted the area around the station used to flood regularly. Not happened since the flood relief scheme went in at HM |
| 3. | Yeading Walk | 1 | 10 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 32 80% | 26 | Some outfall pollution and JK. High value and attractive planting. Yeading Brook Unbound project just starting here – plan for backwaters and river restoration work |
| 4. | Church Avenue | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 12 30% | | Street alternative to the river. No river access due to allotments. No signage |
| 5. | Streamsid e Open | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 24 60% | 27 | Attractive natural meandering stream but overgrown. No Friends Group? |
| 6. | Road link | 0.5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 2 | - | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 21 52% | | |
| 7. | Roxbourn e Park | 2 | 30 | 15 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 24 60% | 26 | Pavilion open every 2 nd Sunday with music by the Friends. Misconnections based pollution; river quite hidden; open space well used. Yeading Brook Unbound improvements to follow this year |
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| | Site | | Lengt | Usage | | | | | | | | | | | | Comments: good weather throughout the day – around 20C. 9 mile |
| 2. YMM West | | | Km | Men | Women | A | В | С | D | Е | F | G | Н | | SJ | |
| across the river | 1. | YBM East | 1.5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | | | grass only – and several benches. |
| 4. Brookside Open Space 1.5 5 5 3 4 3 1 3 1 3 2 3 2 18 Imgravel path through the N end. GH (around 15 plants) with more at 5 end. One horth with litter. S end overgrown and muddy Office of Symbol (1) one horth with litter. S end overgrown and muddy Office of Symbol (1) one horth with litter. S end overgrown and muddy Office of Symbol (1) one horth with litter. S end overgrown and muddy Office of Symbol (1) one horth with litter. S end overgrown and muddy Office of Symbol (1) one horth with litter. S end overgrown and muddy Office of Symbol (1) one horth with litter. S end overgrown and muddy Office of Symbol (1) one horth with litter. S end overgrown and muddy Office of Symbol (1) one horth with litter. S end overgrown and muddy Office of Symbol (1) one horth with litter. S end overgrown and muddy Office of Symbol (1) one horth with litter. S end overgrown and muddy Office of Symbol (1) one horth with litter. S end overgrown and muddy Office of Symbol (1) one horth with litter. S end overgrown and muddy Office of Symbol (1) one horth with litter. S end overgrown and muddy Office of Symbol (1) one horth with litter. S end overgrown and muddy Office of Symbol (1) one horth with litter. S end overgrown and muddy Office of Symbol (1) one horth with litter. S end overgrown and muddy Office of Symbol (1) one horth with litter. S end overgrown and muddy Office of Symbol (1) one horth with end of Symbol (1) one horth with end of Symbol (1) one horth with end and path in the case of Symbol (1) one horth with end and path interests and of If I one horth with end and path interests. Send of I one horth with end and path interests and of If I one horth with end and path interests and of If I one horth with more at send. One horth with end and the send of Symbol (1) one horth with end and the send of Office of Symbol (1) one horth with end and the send of Symbol (1) one horth with end and the send of Symbol (1) one horth with end and the send of Symbol (1) one horth with end and the send of Symbol (1) one horth with end of | | across the | 0.5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | | | |
| Open Space Simple | 3. | YBM South | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | | | Same management as above – scattering of litter and GH at S end (9 plants)_ |
| Union Canal Union | | | 1.5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | | | more at S end. |
| Link | | | 3 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | | | Large murals and LAGERcan volunteer litter clearance. |
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| Park - south of M4 9. Avenue Park 1.5 6 4 3 3 2 1 3 3 2 1 3 3 2 1 3 3 2 1 5 5 | | Park | 0.5 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | | | Much improved with new 1m path and HLF planting. Maintenance cut needed |
| 10. Cranford 11. Berkeley 12. A4 13. Waye Avenue 13. Waye Avenue 14. Waye Ave Open Space 15. Cranebank 16. Cranebank 16. Cranebank 17. Cranebank 18. Cranebank 18. Cranebank 19. Cranebank 1 | | Park | 1 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | | | Café not complete – being worked on |
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| GH around the CSO The access in to Waye Avenue not available 13. Waye Avenue 14. Waye Ave Open Space 15. Cranebank Meadows 16. Cranebank Meadows 17. Cranebank Meadows 18. Waye Ave Open Space 19. O | | | 0.3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | | | No people despite playground |
| Avenue | 12. | A4 | 0.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | GH around the CSO |
| Open Space | | | 0.3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | · |
| Meadows 50% 55% years ago - as does the Causeway. Remains an isolated and little used space. Occasional GH Alternative route available through Huckerby's Meadows | | - | 0.3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | | | No signage and some litter – very little public use |
| Totals 23 41 30 22 37 35 29 28 | | | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | | | years ago - as does the Causeway. Remains an isolated and little used space. Occasional GH |
| | | Totals | | | | 23 | 41 | 30 | 22 | 37 | 35 | 29 | 28 | | | |

Day 2 - Catherine Wyatt (FORCE)

| Site | ; | Length | Usage | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Leg | 2 site number | km | Men | Women | a | В | С | D | e | f | g | h | Total |
| 1. | YBM East | 1.5 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 22 |
| 2. | YBM West – across the river | 0.5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 20 |
| 3. | YBM South | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 18 |
| 4. | Brookside Open Space | 1.5 | 5 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 23 |
| 5. | Grand Union Canal | 3 | 13 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 25 |
| 6. | Cranford Park | 0.5 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 25 |
| 7. | Avenue Park | 1.5 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 20 |
| 8. | Berkeley Meadow | 0.3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 16 |
| 9. | Waye Ave Open Space | 0.3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 24 |
| 10. Me | Cranebank adows | 0.5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 21 |
| | Totals | | | | 19 | 31 | 29 | 22 | 26 | 29 | 27 | 31 | |

Day 3 - Rob Gray (CVCIC/FORCE)

| Day Three 2025 |
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| 1. Causeway 0.3 0 0 0 4 3 2 3 2 1 2 17 High potential but not in great condition with litter and in glant hogweed. Difficult crossing to Donkey Wood 2. Donkey 2 4 1 2 4 3 3 3 4 4 3 3 2 6 65% 3. Brazil Mill 2 10 0 2 4 4 4 3 3 3 3 26 65% 4. Feltham 0.5 2 0 1 3 0 0 3 2 2 2 13 5. Pevensey 1 2 0 1 4 4 3 3 3 3 26 65% 6. Crane Park 2 40 40 5 4 4 5 5 5 5 5 38 6. Crane Park 2 29 22 4 4 4 4 5 5 5 5 5 36 7. Crane Park 2 29 22 4 4 4 5 4 5 5 5 36 8. Kneller Gardens 0.5 32 31 5 4 4 5 4 5 5 5 36 9. DNR Quins 1 1 2 2 4 4 5 4 5 5 4 4 4 32 Rugby match on so maybe fewer people than normal |
| 2. Donkey 2 |
| Wood Service Service |
| Wood 4. Feltham MY 5. Pevensey NR 1 |
| Alson Fure reported that the river tunnel (maybe the was tunnel?) was made in to a hibernaculum many years ago John Tovey may know more 5. Pevensey NR 1 2 0 1 4 4 3 4 3 3 26 Friends Group have improved this site considerably. The routes through the site – with the main route + two natures along the river (one through Little Park on north side of the river) 6. Crane Park West 40 40 5 4 4 5 5 5 5 5 38 The best performing part of the Crane Valley with many people Equal men and women High biodiversity Many years of engagement from several friends groups a the council Alternative option of staying on the south side of the river through LBH creates a walking loop Mobile café open + toilets – the first regularly open toiled the river through LBH creates as walking loop Mobile cafe open + toilets – the first regularly open toiled through LBH creates as walking loop Mobile cafe open + toilets – the first regularly open toiled through LBH creates as walking loop Mobile cafe open + toilets – the first regularly open toiled through LBH creates as walking loop Mobile cafe open + toilets – the first regularly open toiled through LBH creates as walking loop Mobile cafe open + toilets – the first regularly open toiled through LBH creates as walking loop Mobile cafe open + toilets – the first regularly open toiled through LBH creates as walking loop Mobile cafe open + toilets – the first regularly open toiled through LBH creates as walking loop Mobile cafe open + toilets – the first regularly open toiled for the Crane Park but more formal and less biodiversity 8. Kneller O.5 32 31 5 4 4 4 5 5 5 5 36 Hot – so fewer people than normal – often the most bus of the Crane Valley Cafe open Grass short and very dry 9. DNR Quins 1 1 2 2 4 4 5 4 5 4 3 5 4 31 Path getting worn in places – would benefit from maintenance 10. DNR RFU O.7 4 3 3 4 4 5 4 4 4 4 4 4 32 Rugby match on so maybe fewer people than normal |
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| Someone taking litter out of the river as we walked past |
| 11. DNR 1 25 11 4 3 3 4 4 4 4 29 Good score given we are walking through a sewage work Mogden |
| 12. Riverside Walk Walk 12 9 4 3 4 5 4 4 5 33 Best performing part of the DNR Improved a lot since restoration work Floating pennywort on the northern corner |
| 13. Silverhall + O.5 |
| Total 14km 36 48 44 46 50 43 47 49 |
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Day 3 - Ellen Derbyshire (AtkinsRealis)

| _ | Three June 2025 | Length | Usage | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|----------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|
| | | Km | Men | Women | A | В | С | D | E | F | G | Н | Total ED |
| 1. | Causeway | 0.3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 19 47% |
| 2. | Donkey Wood | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 31 78% |
| 3. | Brazil Mill Wood | 2 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 28 70% |
| 4. | Feltham MY | 0.5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 19 47% |
| 5. | Pevensey NR | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 21 52% |
| 6. | Crane Park | 2 | 40+ | 40+ | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 85 95% |
| 7. | Kneller Gardens | 0.5 | 32 | 31 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 36 90% |
| 8. | DNR Quins to Mogden | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 65 77% |
| 9. | DNR Riverside Walk | 0.7 | 25 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 25 62% |
| 10. | Silverhall + Mill Platt | 0.5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 22 55% |
| Tota | ı | 20km | | | 25 | 36 | 28 | 30 | 37 | 33 | 36 | 34 | |
| Avei | rage | | | | 2.5 | 3.5 | 3 | 3 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | |

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