

Would you like to be involved?

Do you enjoy spending time outside working alongside nature? From tree management to litter picking, if you would like to become a volunteer ranger for the Boro Becks project contact Barry Jobson (contact details below).

Maybe you would be more comfortable working alongside the public? Then come and help out at one of our community events, contact Christine Corbett or Sammy Brown for more information.

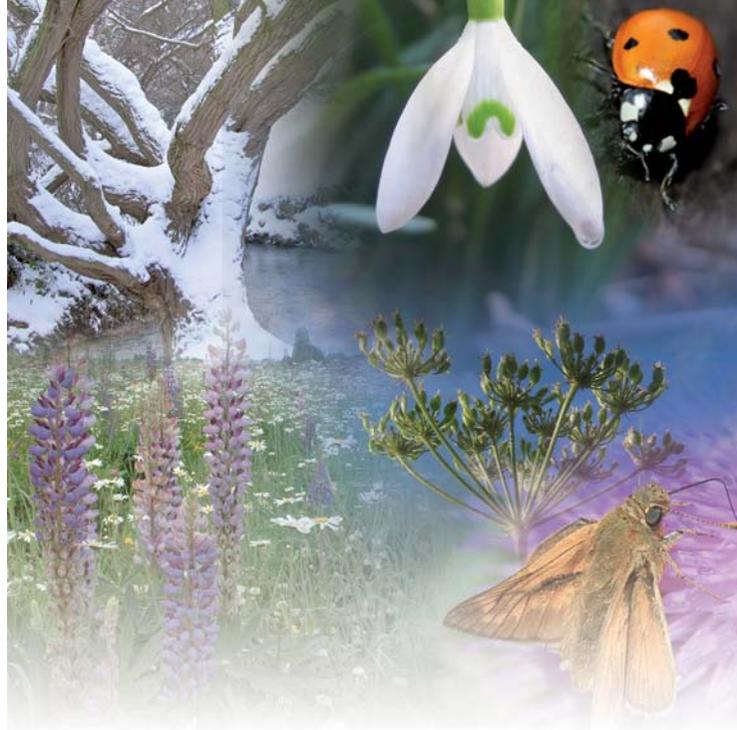


How to contact us

If you have any concerns about your becks or any ideas then you can contact us via e-mail at borobecks@middlesbrough.gov.uk or phone us on 01642 515618.

We also have Facebook and twitter pages where you can keep up to date on what the Boro Becks team have been doing and any events planned. We would like to hear your stories from the Becks too so get logged on and search for Boro Becks on Facebook and BoroBecksTeam on twitter.

In addition to Facebook and twitter, we have a Flickr group where we would like to see your photos, old and new, from the Becks. Join our group at www.flickr.com/groups/borobecks and get uploading!



We can provide this information in other languages, large print, Braille, on CD or tape.

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BORO BECKS



Inspiring local
people to love
their wild spaces

What is the Boro Becks project?

The Boro Becks project is a three year project which is all about getting people involved in the becks through events and activities, training, practical task days and environmental and access improvements.

Middlesbrough Council, the Environment Agency and the Tees Valley Wildlife Trust have joined forces to launch the 3-year Project, and funding has been awarded by the Big Lottery as part of the Access to Nature grants programme administered by Natural England.

The four becks covered by the project are Marton West Beck, Middle Beck, Ormesby Beck and Spencer Beck. Our team is based at Stewart Park and comprises: Barry Jobson, the Becks Ranger; Christine Corbett; the Community Outreach Officer and Sammy Brown, the Project Coordinator.

We want to reach out to everybody in the local community and actively engage with people so that they can all make a positive contribution to the management of the becks and enjoy them as valuable green spaces and wildlife hotspots.



What to see and do around the Becks

There are lots of things to see and do around the Boro Becks including the many cycle routes in and around Middlesbrough that use the becks as part of their route. Visit www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/ and search for cycle routes for more information.

Why not go for a family walk along one of the becks and see what wildlife you can observe? Take a stroll in the spring to Spencer Beck and see if you can spot the first daffodils in the fields or hear the first chiffchaffs arriving for the summer.

Enjoy a saunter in the summer down to Berwick Hills nature reserve and you can see the wildflowers in full bloom, which in turn brings the beautiful butterflies and the buzzing bees. Summer is also a good time to see the swallows and house martins dipping and diving in the sky as they catch insects. You may even be lucky and catch a glimpse of the nationally threatened water vole if you take a walk down Middle Beck.



Autumn brings the magical dragonfly alongside the first fungi. Why not see who can spy the first orange leaf down the beck or challenge each other to a conker fight? Look up to the sky and you could see a formation of geese arriving for the winter.

Winter is an ideal time for spotting birds hopping around in the bare trees. Look out for the resident kingfisher along Marton West Beck. You will also find bullfinches and long tailed tits a plenty if you take a walk down Ormesby Beck. With the arrival of the snow comes a perfect opportunity to see how many different animal tracks you can find along the becks.



Did you know?

Otters regularly use Middlesbrough's becks to travel around, venture out at dusk and you may be lucky enough to see one.

As with many of our local words and place names, the word 'beck' comes from the Vikings who settled around the Tees over a thousand years ago.

Although Water Voles are a nationally threatened species, they are doing well in Middlesbrough's becks due to the councils management plans alongside the work carried out by the Tees Valley Wildlife Trust and the Environment Agency. On top of this, Mink numbers are down in Middlesbrough's becks which means the Water Voles are free from their top predators. If you spot Mink in any of the becks please let us know.



Can you tell the difference between a Water Vole and a Rat?

