



Havering

LONDON BOROUGH

Rainham Creek

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Current issue

A build-up of various aquatic species is choking the waterway, as well as items of litter.

Whilst some waterways fall under the Environment Agency, this particular section falls within Havering's remit to maintain.

LBH staff are unable to undertake a full clean-up operation themselves due to the specialist equipment, training and vaccinations required.

Despite this, it is clear that more needs to be done to keep the area clean and safe.



Remedial work

Given the in-house limitations, Havering officers are looking to arrange an annual clean-up using a specialist contractor.

The ideal time to do this in order to minimise impact on users would be September / October.

In the meantime, the DSO has arranged an interim clean-up operation for this w/c 12th July to clear as much material as they can from the channel, safely.



Ongoing maintenance

Maintenance is required for the surrounding area, as well as the channel itself.

Havering's Grounds Maintenance team undertakes regular scheduled maintenance of the surrounding land / footpaths.

This includes:

- Grass cutting, every 10 days;
- Shrub pruning, normally twice a year (but more frequently where required);
- Litter picking, twice a week;
- Litter bin emptying, twice a week.



Creekside path

Thank you

Questions / comments?