

**Especially launched to see what the support would be, so we are testing the water to find people who would like to join the Friends of Sherbourne River and become a member**

The benefits are-

- \* hearing the latest on the river
- \* having your views heard
- \* attending one of our regular meetings or events
- \* becoming involved in campaigns and projects
- \* meeting like-minded people who share a love of the river
- \* receiving and/or contributing to our newsletter
- \* access to the members area of our website

I would like to join the **Friends of Sherbourne River**

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Postcode: .....

Tel. No: .....

Email: .....

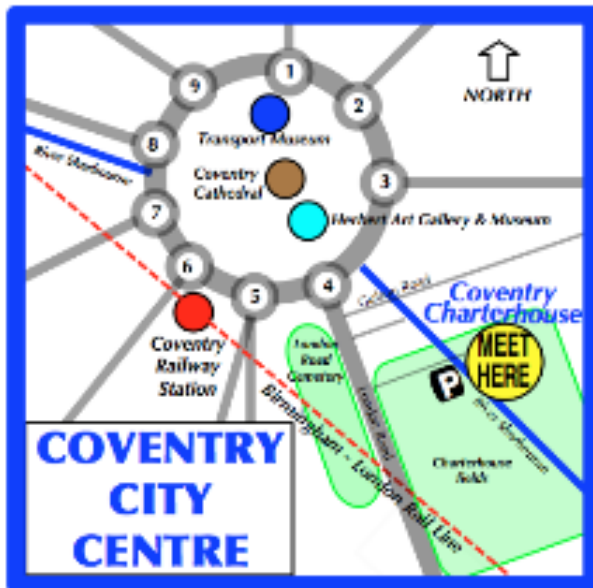
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### Friends of Sherbourne River

is a new group which was set up after the Civic Day event held at Charterhouse on 21st June 2014. A small group was formed all who have concerns and interest in the health and future of the river. We have meetings and clean-up days along the river. Plus we have been working closely with many agencies who control the river and the land connecting to it. We want to improve the quality of the river, to protect all its wildlife and provide a walking route along all of its length.



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Or just Email: [paul\\_maddocks@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:paul_maddocks@yahoo.co.uk)  
or Tel: 07814327614 for more details



# COVENTRY'S HIDDEN RIVER



## Sherbourne a forgotten gem

# Sherbourne River

The word 'Sherbourne' is believed to come from the Anglo-Saxon 'scir burna' meaning 'clear stream'. We'd like to see it run clear again.

Coventry owes its existence to the Sherbourne providing good drinking water. Settled first by Osburga and her nuns before 700AD and later by Godiva's Benedictine monks in 1043 who used the river to drive their mills.

The woollen textile industry thrived here because of the Sherbourne with Coventry's blue dye made from woad and river water giving rise to the saying - 'true as Coventry Blue'.

The Sherbourne provided a great power source for industry and many water mills sprang up. So important was it to the welfare of the city that heavy fines or imprisonment were dealt out to those who littered or fouled it. Evidence of our industrial past can still be found along the river.



Not many people know of Coventry's Sherbourne River and that it flows through the city centre as most of it is covered or built over.



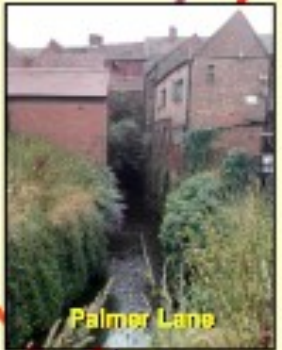
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Sherbourne River

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Coundon

Foleshill



Palmer Lane

Radford



Far Gosford Street

Coventry Ring Road



Clear up day

River Sowe



Spon End Rail Viaduct

Birmingham to London Railway Line

Train Station



Charterhouse fields

Charterhouse

**Join the Friends of Sherbourne River**

We meet at the Charterhouse Priory off London Road



Spon End



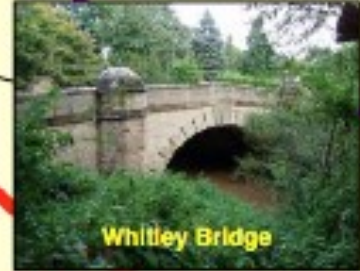
Under the city centre

Sherbourne River

Willenhall

Whitley

River Sowe



Whitley Bridge

Railway Line

There is great potential for a footpath along the length of the Sherbourne, a 10-mile path that tracks diagonally from Corley to Baginton. How marvellous it would be to walk the whole length and for people's health and well-being!

There are some great plans to open up the river in the city centre, to find out more contact us. For more detail e.mail [paul\\_maddocks@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:paul_maddocks@yahoo.co.uk) or Tel:078 1432 7614