



## A HUGE SUCCESS THANKS TO ALL RESCUE VOLUNTEERS

This year's Rivers and Environmental Spaces Clean Up Event (RESCUE) annual spring clean took place on 15 and 16 March. It's the 19th year Reading Borough Council has been organising RESCUE and this year's event, sponsored by Yell and Thames Water, proved as successful as ever despite the rain.

Over the weekend, volunteers and environmental groups from all across Reading visited parks and rural areas in and around the town, filling more than 400 bin bags with rubbish; and the Environment Agency dredged the Kennet and Thames clearing out shopping trolleys and other debris.

The project was co-ordinated from Waterloo Children's Centre in Elgar Road, Katesgrove, where they oversaw 30 groups working over 35 sites. In total more than 500 people volunteered, collecting more than 400 bags of rubbish and filling 10 skips - a grand total of 31 tonnes of dumped rubbish and litter.

### **A Big Thank you, once again, to the following for taking part in RESCUE this year:**

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