



## Outing to Mapledurham on Sat 23rd May

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A very successful day out was had by all, some of us walked to Maple Durham and back, some cycled, a group of international students from the university who Tony knows said hello to us and they came on the boat, while other members joined us there. We looked round the site and everyone saw the Archimedes screw generating between 87 and 90 kW, it looks like this: <https://vimeo.com/31863390>. We would like two of these in Reading.

At 3:00 Chris read us one of his Hippy Hippo stories and then we had some updates of progress. The milestones for the first part of the grant program are well underway. Anna was with us and was doing some more interviews. These will shortly be on the website along with lots of other information.



## Building an asset for Reading

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We have been wondering for some time how much our hydroelectric scheme will be worth when feed in tariff payments cease. This is of course a very difficult question to answer; we have to suspect that it will probably be worth between one and two million pounds in twenty years' time. This asset will have been paid for and will be for the benefit of Reading. In addition it will also be generating clean green electricity in the centre of Reading, this will be being sold and the income being utilised for the benefit of the local communities.

The idea of building an asset adds a very valuable dimension to the project. For us to be in a position to do this at effectively no cost to the community who will benefit from it presents us with a remarkable opportunity that is not to be missed.

## UCEF GRANT

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We have almost completed the first phase of our grant having reported on flow, abstraction, energy yield and also done a site plan. The two surveys have been commissioned, the electricity connection has been investigated and the (planning) screening option has been submitted to the Local Authority, we are about to buy office supplies. The next phase involves some legal work and public engagement exercises which we need some help with.

**The weir pool surveys have been carried out and we await that report.**

## Website and Survey

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We have now has over 4000 visits recorded to our website; please visit Facebook and twitter sites and like them and make some comments if you can.

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