



## Reading Hydro

Working to install hydro-electric  
Turbines on Caversham Weir

# The Reading Sustainability Centre

# May Newsletter 2016

## Welcome

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## Green Fest - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June

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This event runs in conjunction with Reading's annual Water Fest and will be centred around Town Hall Square, which is between the Town Hall, St Laurence's Church and the back entrance of M&S. We will be there from 11am through to 5pm. If you would like to join us on our stall, your help would be greatly appreciated and please let us know by email: [ReadingSustainabilityCentre@gmail.com].

There will be some short presentations during the day in St Laurence's and Tony will be giving an outline of the hydro project during some of these sessions. Follow this link for further information on the Green Fest.

## Steering Group

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We are looking for an extra volunteer to join the steering group of The Reading Sustainability Centre. The aim of the centre is to reduce energy consumption, increase sustainability, improve biodiversity and the environment and stimulate business activities in these areas.

The person we are looking for will have a keen interest in sustainability, and be prepared to attend monthly meetings to discuss and move forward the vision to build a Sustainability Centre in Reading. There will be opportunities to take on a variety of tasks between the monthly meetings.

We are currently exploring the possibility of forming partnerships with other organisations in order to apply for monetary support from the European Structural Investment Fund.

Whether or not you would like to join the steering group, if you have skills with preparing funding applications and would like to help, then please get in touch.

## Planning for the Hydro

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In response to the planning consultation for our hydro scheme at View Island, the Environment Agency has requested a 'preliminary risk assessment' to assure them that there are no concerns over potential contamination risk to local aquifers. To meet this request a report providing relevant geotechnical, hydrogeological and historical information is being prepared by the Reading Hydro project team. This is another fine example of the value of having a range of volunteers with various backgrounds and experience involved with the project.

As one interesting point of history, here's a link to a photograph from the 1920's of the hotel near the waterfront on View Island, with the mill in the distance. If anyone has any useful information about the history of View Island or its surrounding area, we'd love to hear so please do tell us about it.

## Contact us

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If you want to learn more about us or want to help us or if you have any queries or suggestions please visit us at:-  
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