



# Did you Know?

**Did you know that we regularly check how healthy the stream is and take part in the Riverfly Monitoring Initiative (RMI) which is the most widely adopted aquatic citizen science scheme in the UK.**

**The survey involves catching and counting particular invertebrates that live in the stream. By collecting this information, we can see how healthy and biodiverse the river habitat is.**

**In the past year we have caught Gammarus shrimp, Olive Baetidae as well as Stone Loach & Stickleback fish. The number of Gammarus shrimp that we have caught is good but there are not so many other invertebrates so this shows a lack biodiversity.**

**There are many things we can do to improve biodiversity, in particular to get more plants growing in the stream.**

**Improving water quality is critical for healthy and diverse stream life and a key aspect of our responsibility as custodians of the river. Each year the Friends of Yeading Walk along with our volunteers hold a 'Clean the Stream' event resulting in a noticeably cleaner river, supporting insect life and food for birds.**

***If you are interested in Riverfly monitoring keep an eye on our social media for updates: [friendsofyeadingwalk](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofyeadingwalk)***



**Gammarus shrimp**



**Olive Baetidae**



**Stone Loach Fish**



**Stickleback fish**