

NAG Public Meeting!



A Cleaner Nidd, Fit for Life

Make rivers safe for all.
for invertebrates (a vital part of the food chain) to fish, birds, animals and people.

Stop sewage pollution.

End the illegal release of untreated sewage into the River Nidd

Raise the bar.

Improve standards, so legally discharged waste doesn't harm the River Nidd

JOIN US!

NAG Public Meeting – YOU are Invited!

Bathing Water Status for the Nidd:



...now it's your move!

Public consultation on latest plans to protect the river from pollution

Tuesday 25th February 2025

In April 2024, the Lido bathing area gained **Bathing Water Status**.

Yorkshire Water are now required to manage water quality upstream. The Environment Agency rated water quality as 'POOR'. Nidd Action Group hopes these recent developments will lead to a clean-up of the whole river.

In this event, find out about:

1. Yorkshire Water's plans;
2. Results of water quality testing by EA and others;
3. State-of-the-art research on pollution (University and other science projects);
4. How YOU can help ensure effective action by all concerned.

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wildtrout.org



Venue: Centre on Gracious Street (COGS)

Knaresborough HG5 8AN

Time: 16.00-19.30

All groups will display posters and be available to answer questions. Talks by:

- Scientists (Leeds/York Universities)
- Yorkshire Water River Health team
- Environment Agency
- Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust
- Wild Trout Trust
- Nidd Action Group AGM

Drop in at any time from 16.00 to talk to experts and local volunteers.

For details of the talks and timings, go to the Nidd Action Group website:

niddactiongroup.org



This was the Nidd Gorge **back in April 2023**, and we'd all like to see the Nidd like this along its entire 60 miles length.

(we could also do with a bit of Spring while we are at it – away with the snow, the rain, the cold, the dark etc...)

NAG's public meeting, described below, is **the second one** we will have held.

The **last NAG meeting** was in **December 2023**, after a year of volunteer sampling, providing new evidence to YW and EA about the state of our river.

Since then, together we have:

- **achieved bathing water status** for The Lido at Knaresborough
- **worked with Nidd stakeholders** to improve the river's health
- **investigated the becks** of the Nidd, where we found many pollution hotspots
- **campaigned** for laws and regulations to be enforced
- **applied for, and won, research grants** to investigate the Nidd
- **setup exciting volunteer training** and practice opportunities to directly improve the river

February 25th 2025 meeting, our second, is to

1. **learn** from a range of experts about pollution and what can be done
2. **hear about** what is planned for the Nidd, and **quiz** those responsible
3. **discover how YOU** can work with NAG and our partners to directly affect the Nidd and its tributaries

Come along – **just drop in** for as long as you can spare.

The NAG Annual General Meeting will also be held there

Hello Lido! Anyone There?



Just before Christmas, on the NAG website under '**recent news**' there was a piece about the installation of **interactive signs** at the Lido and at 9 other locations on the Nidd

<https://x.com/EnvAgencyYNE/status/1869693943006310541>

Christmas seems a long time ago now.

NAG and YDRT supported the Environment Agency-funded project in deciding **where the signs should go**, and **how the AI supported system should respond** to questions you ask it!

The system has been in for a few months and we have been able to improve it (it is more helpful as well as being 'chatty') using the questions you asked.to access better answers

Please try the system out – AGAIN!

It is a good way to pose awkward questions and get reasoned factual answers.

The Lido sign (pictured) and **the Conyngham Hall car park sign** are surprisingly **poorly used** for some reason., compared with the other 8.

You need a smartphone for the full experience, **Just point** the QR app on your mobile phone to the sign, and have a chat!

We hope to have the system at the public meeting on February 25th – so come along and try it out there as well.

Tell us what you think of it!

The other 'Hello' signs are at:

- **Oak Beck Park**
- **Harlow Carr**
- **Valley Gardens**
- **Burnbridge, Crimple Beck**
- **Nidd Gorge (Woodland Trust Car Park)**
- **Hookstone Beck**
- **Nidd Gorge / Bilton viaduct**
- **Oak Beck, Spruisty Bridge**

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