

# **Official Statistics: Woodland Carbon Code Statistics: data to March 2017**

This release provides quarterly statistics on projects registered under the Woodland Carbon Code. The Woodland Carbon Code is a voluntary standard, initiated in July 2011, for woodland creation projects that make claims about the carbon they sequester (take out of the atmosphere). All projects must be placed on the Register of UK Woodland Carbon Projects. Their claims about potential carbon sequestration are validated by an independent certification body. Validated projects are then verified on a regular basis to confirm the progress of carbon sequestration.

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## **Notice: Harlem Hill Lock**

When: Until further notice.

What's happening: Due a mechanical fault the lock is closed until further notice.

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## **Notice: South Ferriby Lock**

When: Until further notice.

What's happening: Emergency repairs are taking place.

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## **Open consultation: Running free: consultation on preserving the free use of public parks**

The government is consulting on proposals to legislate to put it beyond doubt that local authorities, including parish councils, cannot charge parkrun or

junior parkrun for the use of public parks.

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## Consultation outcome: Oxford flood alleviation scheme: design consultation

*Updated:* Updated September 2017.

The Environment Agency and their partners are working together to develop a flood alleviation scheme to reduce flood risk to properties, transport links and infrastructure in Oxford. In addition, the scheme aims to protect Oxford's reputation as a thriving commercial centre, and create and maintain recreational and environmental opportunities.

The scheme will involve lowering parts of the floodplain and widening some of the existing rivers and streams that run through it, to increase capacity for flood water and divert it away from developed areas of the floodplain. Following a public consultation in January 2015, the project team developed a route for the scheme, and are now working on the design.

They would like to hear your views on specific elements of the design, as well as general feedback on the scheme, to help inform the design and construction.

After this consultation, the Environment Agency will determine the final design for the scheme. They will take into account public opinion alongside the feedback from a consultation with the local planning authority. The final design will be submitted for planning permission in late 2017.

The Environment Agency will publish the outcomes from the public consultation in August 2017 and will share the final design of the scheme in late 2017.