



## ACTION FOR THE RIVER KENNET

21 October 2013

### Great news week for ARK

Action for the River Kennet (ARK) were the proud winners of the Wild Trout Trust Conservation Award 2013, in recognition of the excellent river habitat improvement project at Stonebridge Wild River Reserve, Marlborough. The award was presented at the Savile Club in London. It celebrated the successful partnership between ARK, the St John's Foundation Trust, Marlborough Town Council and the local community in creating a wonderful space for wildlife and people to enjoy the River Kennet.

The award came in the same week that ARK discovered that their grant application to 'Link2Nature' to fund interpretive panels for the Stonebridge Wild River Reserve had been approved. This followed Marlborough Town Council's endorsement and full support for the work at Stonebridge by publishing a joint statement on progress.

Finally, to round off a successful seven days, ARK received an extremely generous donation from Tim Eliot-Cohen and Emily Hambro from funds raised at the Hilldrop Charity Shoot. ARK's chairman Geoffrey Findlay said 'After the bad news that the river faced with the pesticide pollution over the summer it's really good to have a week when so many positive things have happened.'

Action for the River Kennet's AGM will be held in Hungerford Town Hall at 7pm on 7 November. Everyone is welcome.

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#### Background

Wild Trout Trust Awards: <http://www.wildtrout.org/news/conservation-award-winners-2013>

Joint statement from Marlborough Town Council and ARK:

[http://www.riverkennet.org/content/downloads/Joint\\_Statement\\_Stonebridge\\_Oct\\_2013\\_Final.pdf](http://www.riverkennet.org/content/downloads/Joint_Statement_Stonebridge_Oct_2013_Final.pdf)

Hilldrop Farm Charity Shoot: <http://www.hilldropshoot.co.uk/home>  
<http://www.link2nature.org.uk/>

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