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Press Release

New Seating at Wild River Reserve

A new recycled plastic bench is now in situ at Stonebridge Wild River Reserve, Marlborough. Action for the River Kennet, the charity and joint owners of the water meadow with Marlborough Town Council are delighted to provide an additional bench for visitors and users of the award-winning wildlife site on the east side of Marlborough.

The 15-acre reserve has undergone a number of improvements this year, including an extension to one of the recycled plastic boardwalks to improve access and a new bird watching panel, both constructed by ARK volunteers.

ARK Senior Project Officer Anna Forbes said, 'The installation of this terrific recycled plastic bench will be very popular. It is something users have requested within the area between the wetland and the conservation grazing area; and with the fantastically generous support of locally based business AM, we have been able to provide. The site attracts visitors of all ages, so getting another robust bench with a back and arms was important.'

Martha Fogg, MD at AM said:

'AM are delighted to be able to support ARK in its wonderful work in protecting and improving the River Kennet, which runs right past our offices. Our staff frequently enjoy using the Stonebridge Wild River Reserve as an escape during the working day and we are so grateful to have such a lovely space in the heart of Marlborough. The AM team are proud to volunteer with ARK and provide financial support to this inspirational charity that has done so much to improve our local environment.'

The next enhancement in the pipeline for this beautiful green and blue space, where you may be lucky enough to spot a kingfisher or even an otter are ramp extensions to the wetland boardwalk.

For more information about Stonebridge Wild River Reserve visit: [Stonebridge Wild River Reserve - ARK River Kennet](#)

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Notes to editors

- ARK exists to protect and enhance the water environment in the whole Kennet catchment. They do this by practical habitat restoration, community engagement, citizen science, education and campaigning. Their activities extend to working with farmers, land managers and householders to promote efficient use of water and adoption of sustainable drainage.
- The non-profit Material Focus survey results can be found [here](#).

Images:



The new bench and ARK volunteers getting the new bench into position.