

New continuous monitoring by the Environment Agency in the Nidd

With the Lido having been designated as a bathing water, and the Nidd having been subject to two major water quality sampling of the entire Nidd in 2023 by NAG volunteers, the Environment Agency have taken some action to put in some continuous water quality monitoring at three locations on the Nidd:

- one just above the Lido,
- one just upstream of Oak Beck (and Harrogate Nth STW) and
- one at Hampsthwaite.

The EA is using 'sondes'

What 'is a sonde'

You can access the EA data through the link or the QR code below.

Have a look! You need to accept the terms and press 'continue'. Then you will see continuous graphs of different measurements from the three locations in the. aide.

Have a look at the Ammonium one - it is more concentrated where there is decaying organic matter

It is continuously updated but note that the measurements taken do not include E.coli concentrations, so can't help swimmers at The Lido in terms of human health. It is aimed at assessing the ecology of the river.

Expect to get an explanation of the data from the EA at the Public meeting on February 25th - and hear their explanation of what is going wrong in our river's e ology, and what they propose to do bout it, together with Yorkshire Water!

Be sure to come along!



[Click here to view the data](#)



Public Consultation on Plans to Protect the River Nidd

February 25th 2025, 16.00 – 19.30, Centre on Gracious Street, Knaresborough HG5 8AN

Refreshments and Poster session 16.00 – 19.30

Short presentations *Titles of presentations are provisional*

16.15	John Wilkinson	Lecturer in Environmental Science, Department of Environment and Geography, University of York	Current issues in rivers - research evidence, a way forward?
16.30	David Clayden	NAG Chair	Citizen science focus and actions. What can we do?
16.45	Prof. Jonny Grey	Research & Conservation Officer, Wild Trout Trust	Habitat improvement – local successes and how volunteers can help
17.00 - 17.15		Break	
17.15	Claire Campbell	Yorkshire Bathing Waters Technical Lead, Environment Agency .	Monitoring and Improving Lido Bathing Water and the Nidd
17.30	Sarah Lonsdale.	Project Manager, River Enhancement, Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust	Collaborative actions in Nidd and other Yorkshire River Catchments. Lessons learned. Helping volunteers
17.45	Josh Cohen	Research Fellow, School of Earth and Environment, University of Leeds .	The Riverkin Project, and the Nidd
18.00 - 18.30		Break	
18.30	Hugh Clear Hill	Principal Environmental Policy and Project Officer North Yorkshire Council	NYC's role and action plan
18.45	Nathan Lawson & George Taplin	Yorkshire Water Rivers Health Team; Bathing Water partnership & engagement Manager; Environmental Investigation Engagement Lead	The challenges and YW's planned program for 2025-2030
19.00		Questions and Answers	
19.15		NAG AGM	
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