

Background

Friends of the Tame Valley (FoTV) is a local environmental group based along the Tame Valley, near Jet Amber and Huaghton Dale. The group is dedicated to enhancing and protecting local green spaces.

For the past 5 years, FoTV has worked to improve the local environment by tackling invasive species such as Japanese knotweed and Himalayan balsam. The group has also carried out extensive litter-picking efforts, removing more than 1,000 bags of rubbish from the area's waterways.

Tackling Invasive Species (INNS Work)

Over the past four years, FoTV volunteers have treated around 8 kilometres of the Tame Valley, helping native plants and wildlife thrive again.

Our team carefully treats Japanese knotweed using glyphosate, applied only by trained volunteers who hold the necessary Environment Agency permits.

We also love bringing the community together through our popular Himalayan Balsam Bashes — fun, hands-on events that not only help protect the valley's natural habitats but also give local people a chance to reconnect with the beautiful green spaces along the River Tame.

“Both invertebrate and water quality testing have allowed us to gain a better understanding of what is going on in our river and has proved beneficial to us. These tests and sampling have also allowed us to teach the younger generation about riverine life.”

Chris, Chair of River Tame Anglers



Key stats



15
volunteers
engaged per
event



5000 fish
restocked due
to habitat
improvements



8km
INNS
treated



10km Water
quality
monitored



With recent and ongoing investment in the River Tame, the Mersey Rivers Trust (MRT) is committed to continuing its support for Friends of the Tame Valley (FoTV) and other local “Friends of” groups. Together, these partnerships aim to enhance river habitats along the Tame through a series of restoration projects currently in development. MRT also hopes to showcase FoTV's fantastic work as a shining example of how community-led environmental groups can make a real, lasting difference to their local rivers and green spaces.

