

Case Study

Waithe beck, Orford Valley



The landowner bought this field next to the chalk stream and has a keen angling interest. He wanted to know what to do to manage it and what improvements could be achieved now to help him on his way. The work done will improve the brown trout population and leave it in a maintainable state.
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Project location:
Orford Valley

Date:
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Cost:
The habitat improvement works were undertaken by Frontrow Fencing at a cost of £21,115.

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Site description:

A straightened stretch of chalk stream heavily shaded by trees. The field is grazed and the beck is used by livestock for water. It is a scheduled monument site requiring access across the beck on to both banks under the landowners ownership.

Special considerations:

Scheduled Monument Consent was required from English Heritage. Flood Defence Consent was required from the Environment Agency.

Completed project:

- Removal of old dilapidated fencing and replacement with modern livestock fencing along full length of beck.
- Installation of two cattle drinks
- Installation of gravelled crossing point across the beck

Benefits:

- Protecting the banks from poaching
- Reduced sediment input from livestock activities
- Reduced damage to habitat by having one located crossing point
- Improved grazing management of surrounding land

