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Frome Fairies is a loosely knit group of local volunteers who have a passion for dressing up in various rubber outfits on a Sunday, dropping down into the sometimes murky waters of the River Frome as it winds its way through Eastville Park.

We gather together with one common purpose; to pick, lift or haul out any river litter we can find.

Ranging from cotton buds to football studs, discarded bras to old jam jars, a fisherman's float and an old fur coat, dog's lost balls or locks from doors. Not to mention a motorbike, which was probably dumped in the middle of the night or the hundreds of tyres that find their way to the bottom of the river where they like to stay.

And the things we most don't like to find? - broken bottles of the 'boozy' kind. And with plastics of all shapes and sizes, there are road signs come all the way from Devizes.

So the purpose of telling you all this stuff is to try to encourage you to join with us to help our river be a haven of life for the fish and the otters and the birds in flight. For the tiny creatures that we never see, as we walk along the path with our family. And for us, for the future and the folks to come as we try to put right the damage we've done.

If you'd like to be part of the Frome Fairies and support our work, please visit our Facebook page where you'll find regular updates of our activities and ways to get involved.

Whatever your age, physical ability or colour of your socks, there's a Frome Fairy inside you waiting to leap out! There are often opportunities (river level allowing) for little ones to help too!