

## Tales Of The Riverbank Postcard Activity

The focus of this project is to celebrate our memories of playing outdoors and in local rivers, and we are asking children and their families to write to us about the fun times they have had outside and to share their river stories.

### What you can do:

- Fill in the blank postcard with your own river stories using the instructions on page 2.
- Interview as many members of your family as you can to find out what their river stories are. How are their games and stories different to yours? Can you work together to make more postcards?
- Check the 'How we will use your work' statement at the bottom of this sheet so you know how to send your postcards back to us and how your fabulous work could be used.

Thank you for taking part. We hope you enjoy being creative. We are looking forward to reading all your interesting stories!

### How will we use your work?

If you decide to send pictures of your work back to us, we might post pictures of your work on our website ([www.thetrentvalley.org.uk](http://www.thetrentvalley.org.uk)) or use it in a physical display as part of an exhibition. You can send photos by email to [Nicola.lynes@supportstaffordshire.org.uk](mailto:Nicola.lynes@supportstaffordshire.org.uk)

By sending your work to us, you are agreeing to the use of it as part of the Transforming the Trent Valley project, and to have your child's first name attached to their work.

For lots more activities based on the river, look on our website!  
<https://www.thetrentvalley.org.uk/learn.php>

If you have any questions about the above, please contact Nicola Lynes on [Nicola.lynes@supportstaffordshire.org.uk](mailto:Nicola.lynes@supportstaffordshire.org.uk) or 07837127165.

**To create a fantastic river tale postcard we would like you to:**

- Write about the fun, and games you have played in or around the river. Any funny stories are very welcome!
- Write about what your favourite thing about rivers and nature is.
- Write about any wildlife you have seen such as fish, birds or creatures you did not expect to see.
- Tell us about where the river is and what it is called.
- Write your name at the bottom and your age.
- Draw, design, paint, or collage a picture on the back of the fun you have had at the riverbank. You could even create a picture of what you want to do next time you are at the river.

Once you've finished your postcard, send it back to us using the enclosed stamped address envelope!

Here are some examples of the memories we have already received:

*"I used to think I was Pocahontas and in Cannock Chase, Rolleston woods or the wetlands in Hatton and Tutbury I used to run with the wind, keep careful watch over the birds, squirrels, mice and fish, and draw flowers and plants with my felt tips and pastels. I would play hide and seek with my siblings too."*

*'One year I even found a horseshoe beneath the silt and we took it home for good luck. We nailed it to our porch and it has stayed there ever since.'* (memories of playing outdoors in the 1990's)"

*"A few of us would set off to the Ox Hay, Stapenhill Gardens or Shobnall Park. We'd have a football or cricket gear. To eat we'd have a jam sandwich to drink a pop bottle filled with luke warm tap water. We'd be out all day, coming home at dinner time."* (memories of playing outdoors in the 1960s)

Can your parent, guardian or other family members make a postcard of their own and tell us about their memories of playing the river? How are their games and memories different to yours?



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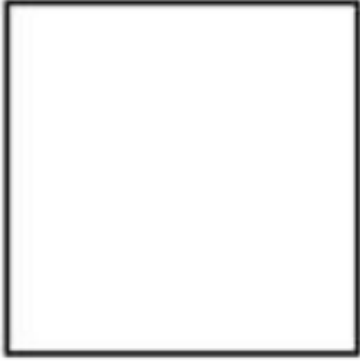
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