

How could the old bridge at the end of Old Street be better used?

84 responses

Summary of the data: Ideas include

- Seating
- Access
- Planting/flowers
- Mobile shops
- Bird boxes
- Shop
- Garden area
- Green space
- Wildlife area
- Cycle route

Action: Consider a site specific policy or project.

Raw data

- A seat and a couple of trees overlooking the river.
- a walkway area overlooking river and wildlife, and people love it, and not worrying about traffic
- Access created to paddle in the river.
- Access to the river Tas as it use to be
- Add in as a cycle route and decorative planting perhaps (village in bloom)
- Allow mobile shops (green grocer, baker, butcher, etc.) to set up there on Saturdays.

- An occasional market?
- Bench
- Benches/bird boxes etc.
- Better left alone
- Better presented, with maybe a bench and small grass area.
- Build a fish and chip shop and parking, being alone there would be very little risk to other properties.
- Cafe close to where dog bin is - patio area. Why is river not being cleared & maintained as in past?
- Can't think of a particular use, but it is a pleasant place to watch the river and wildlife.
- Cleaned up a bit? Not really sure.
- Communal resources (e.g. book share), small planted garden area with seating,
- Conservation area, large planters
- Development of attractive planting, trees and seating.
- Don't know
- don't know
- Don't know.
- don't think it needs to be
- Don't know
- Don't know
- Fine as is
- Flower planters and or baskets on or by the bridge. Bench beside railings to rest when looking at the river
- Flower planting area's added.

- Flowers on it

- Give access to the river for fishing or walking or boats
- good now
- Green space, seating
- Habitats for wildlife, in and around the bridge
- How about a river wildlife viewing area. Information board. List of sightings??
- I do not have an opinion of how this can be better used, it is a nice foot walk around the village, certainly do not open it up, perhaps clean the river and create a social area
- If this was made a public highway it would relieve some of the traffic congestion in the village
- Improved railings at the A140 end to stop motor vehicles but allow pedestrians and cyclists to access the bridge. General maintenance to the structure with a level surface installed to allow everyone access, including wheelchairs. The possibility of having functions or events take place upon the bridge for the local community.
- Is it accessible?
- It could be 'greened' and thought given to seats, planters - interpretation board on what wild life to see along the river and info about the River Was and the Mill
- It could have a bench and planters
- It couldn't
- It does not need to be. Leave it alone.
- It should have a zebra crossing across the A140 to help people cross the road, it's extremely difficult and dangerous for residents to cross safely.
- It would be nice to be able to access the river at the bridge for family fun and also river walks.
- It's fine as it is
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- Larger river area like boating lake fishing paddle boarding area
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- Leave as is
- Leave it alone, its fine as is. Stop spending other people's money
- Left alone, in a natural surroundings
- Like it as it is. A point where you can watch the river.
- make it a meeting point
- May wild flowers on the grass bit near the pooh bin and railings
- Maybe utilising a 'coffee van' and allowing bistro seating might be an option.
- N/A
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- no - leave it alone. I live at waterside gardens and the residents jointly own the garden at the bridge, we like to keep it private and secure.
- No comment
- no comment
- No idea
- No idea
- No opinion
- Non private access to water.
- Not Answered.
- Not really sure
- Not sure
- not sure
- Not sure but it is unsightly.
- Permanent storage bin for poo sticks
- Possible seating
- Providing some access to the river bank. Land registry only lists boundaries up to the old mill spillway

which was well left of the present river route. Is the land thus not public or unregistered? The walkway from Dell Close to the Maid's Head used to be very popular.

Remove to allow better water flow

- Seating etc.
- Seating?
- Seats and planters

- Seats on bridge for fishing / nature watching
- Social events.
- some interpretation panels about the bridge, the village long ago and the traffic that once used it would be good. See Thornham old bridge in Buckinghamshire for this.

- Some pleasant seating?
- Something for community focused
- Unknown
- We use it regularly to take our children to see the ducks, would like for this to remain as a pass through but maybe somewhere we can sit and look at the river
- Why does it have to have a use? Why just tear down an original bridge which is not in anyone's way, and is used by pedestrians.

- Yes