

# SmartRivers

What's expected from me as a SmartRivers volunteer?

## training

**You will need to participate in two days of training.** These may be consecutive or split up.

The first day is in sampling technique, where you learn how to 'kick-sweep' and how to divvy up your 3 minute sampling time based on the habitat proportions at your site.

The second day you will learn invertebrate identification skills, tailored to the invertebrates expected in your river.

## sampling

**You will need to sample twice a year at the designated sample sites.**

There are usually five sites to cover, within your group you will decide who samples where.

Samples are collected in spring and autumn, usually in May and September.

## analysis

**You will need to preserve your samples and either get them ready for posting or start analysis** (depending on the pathway your hub lead has chosen).

If analysing yourself you will begin the sorting and ID processes outlined in your training courses.

## quality control

**You will need to keep your samples (both substrate and animals in separate containers!) if doing your own identification, until the quality control sample has been selected.**

We'll organise with your hub lead collection of this sample for an entomologist check and provide feedback to improve your skills.

If you have any questions  
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