

# Month of Action

Monday 25th August – Saturday 27th September

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# Commitment | Get Engaged!

## Sunday 24th August

### What's the Point?

For everyone around the world to **publically** commit to water for life!

Engagement is an emotional involvement or commitment. We're asking everyone to choose a water source and over the next seven months, nurture our relationships in the build up to a wedding or commitment ceremony on Sunday 22 March 2026.

You can do this as an individual, as a group of friends, or even as an entire XR local group. The aim is to inspire ourselves to become emotionally involved with our water source and find ways to protect, clean, honour, promote and care for water, as it sustains all life.

Share your commitment on social media and with friends and family. How are you going to build your relationship with your water source before the wedding in March 2026? How can you start to honour your commitment through action to protect and care for your chosen 'partner'?

Make sure you share your engagement far and wide. Ask for donations instead of engagement presents. Give people this link:

<https://xrb.link/Rh20Z942mX1>:

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This day of action has been planned to coincide with World Water Week 2025, which is focusing on 'Water for Climate Action'- addressing the linked emergencies of climate change, environment degradation and biodiversity loss.

# Month of Action | World Water Wedding

Mon 25 Aug - Fri 26 Sep

## Action Ideas

Below you'll find loads of ideas that you can develop for a month of actions. Let's flood the country with watery resistance!!

### All Porpoise Actions

A range of fun, creative, versatile and family-friendly actions from poo-themed to making art with withy to old favourites like the Crime Scene! Take your pick [here](#).

### Blockades

Physically block entrances to offices, HQs, water authorities, factory farms, landfill sites and sewage treatment plants with a [blockade](#).

### Call the Alarm, Pan-Demonium Cacerolazo and Charivari

On bridges, seawalls reservoirs, flood zones we need to be seen and heard from the source of the rivers to the sea and along the coasts. Using voices, sirens, alarms, car horns, fog horns, whistles, church bells tolling, pan-demonium, lights projected, flares, drums, pots and pans.

This is something that people with children or caring responsibilities, people with disabilities, or those who do not have access to transport, can still join in with. Taking inspiration from the Cacerolazo seen regularly in the Spanish-speaking world, people will stand on doorsteps or at windows with candles and torches and with pots, pans and wooden spoons and make a noise.

Here is a link to the American and European tradition similar to Cacerolazo called [Charivari](#)

XRUK Rhythms created a specific SOS drum pattern for this action which can also be done with pots and pans etc. [Watch and learn the pattern](#)

### Catch of the Day

You can take this action to any door including regulators, the Environment Agency or your water company. And include more spicy elements as and when you want to.

All you need to create this eye-catching creative action [here](#).

### Citizen's Arrests

Citizen's Arrests can be used to hold those responsible to account. Got a 'Water Criminal' in mind? Then you will find enlightening information in this private security company's guide to [Citizen's Arrests UK Law and Know Your Rights](#) and inspiration from the [Citizen's Arrest Network \(CAN\)](#).

**The criminals responsible for filling our rivers with shit and the seas with plastic have been hiding behind big companies for too long. We can no longer stand by as crimes are committed. It's time to hold these criminals to account.** (CAN)

["A new campaign group is targeting the CEOs of big polluters for citizen's arrests."](#)

We're committing to water for life so why won't others? Create a dilemma - if those in power won't commit then perform a citizen's arrest.

### Digital Do-It-At-Home Actions

Can't make it to an action in person? No problem: we have loads of options for you too! You can find more info [here](#).

### Dilemmas

Ask the Water Authorities CEOs, Local Authority or Devolved Government (in the lead-up to the 2026 elections) to commit to water and publish their vows. If they do, they can be held to

their promises and if they refuse, why won't they commit? See the Citizen's Arrest action above to hold them to account.

## Great UK WaterBlitz

From Friday 19th - Monday 22nd September, the [Great UK WaterBlitz](#) is a biannual campaign calling on everyone to go out and test the quality of their local freshwater including rivers, streams and lakes. This helps to build a national picture of water quality across the UK. The Great UK WaterBlitz is part of Earthwatch Europe's ongoing [FreshWater Watch](#) citizen science monitoring programme.

## Mass Trespass

[Right to Roam](#) have loads of information on taking action through trespass.

Their vision is of a future countryside in which people not only enjoy the physical, mental and spiritual benefits of nature but serve as its guardians too.

The right to roam is the right to reconnect.

Claim back your right to access our waterbodies and hold your ceremonies wherever you want!

## Occupations

[Occupations](#) target the 'bad guys' directly in their workplace. They are one of the more 'spicy' NVDA options but can be very high profile. Group bookings are an option at some water treatment plant open day events; get your list of sticky questions ready for your water company's (PR) tour guide. Arm yourselves with data using Dirty Water's [Knowledge is Powerful](#) and [Data Stream](#).

## Paint the Streets

Paint the Streets is an ongoing creative campaign, breaking social norms to raise awareness about the climate & ecological emergency. It includes a variety of low-risk actions including murals, stickering, flyposting, stencilling, chalking, banner drops and the subvertising of bus stops & billboards. And the Dirty Water campaign have created a special **Fishy Business** paint-the-streets pack to shine a light on every **Dirty Water Source**.

Please take a look at all the creative ideas and the legal guidance in these two guides [Paint](#)

the Streets and Fishy Business.

**We demand that water is treated as a precious natural life-source**  
(Dirty Water)

### Seeds in Leaves

This is a beautiful, family-friendly action from XR St Albans that kids will love. Sail your messages out into the water! Use leaves or you can cut these out using raw, biodegradable paper, with messages written on them using chalk pens. Find [chalk pens here](#).

Get everyone at your event to write their messages of hope and promises, and publicise your next action or event. You can also wrap water plant seeds in a leaf and sail them out too.





### The Dream Boats

Origami is a creative, beautiful and fun way to get your point across. Why not leave some [paper boats](#), with your expressed wishes for water on them outside (or inside) the HQ of your local Water Company?

## Legal Guidance

If you are planning one of the above actions, you need to read our two books:

[Action Planning](#)

[Arrestee and Legal Support](#)



# Closing Ceremonies

## World Rivers Day - Sun 28 Sept

Let's close off this month of action with a bang.

**World Rivers Day** is a celebration of the world's waterways. It highlights the many values of rivers and strives to increase public awareness and encourages the improved stewardship of rivers around the world.

You could also close off with an ending, commitment or water ceremony and remind everyone that **water is life**.

You can delve in to the **resources** to find ideas to help you create a ceremony or you can use any of the ideas **suggested for the rest of the month of action**.

If you're feeling more negative and would rather mark the sad deterioration of your water source, you might also like to hold a funeral, or similar. Use this to spur you on to take local action to start to get your water source cleared up by creating noise and tackling your local water company. Then you can celebrate your progress at your **Water Wedding in March 2026**.

You can also leave bells and natural confetti such as petals, near the water source, or tie things like old boots (river rubbish) to things around town - or outside your local water company! Or why not set up a **'Catch of the Day'** stand, to display all the litter you've found in and around your water source?

Let's close off this month of action with noise, colour, engagement and the enthusiasm to spend the next seven months working towards the world celebration of water in March.