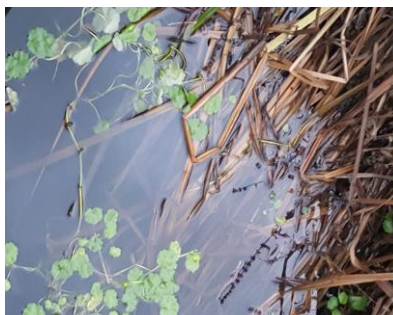


Help stop the spread of **FLOATING AMERICAN PENNYWORT!**

within a few weeks

in the summer
months a few small
strands can grow
into rafts which
block the
Navigation



Floating American Pennywort threatens the activities of all users of the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation – boaters, canoeists, paddleboarders, anglers, etc . It also affects the natural environment. The dense mats often out-compete native aquatic plants and clog waterways. It blocks light, preventing growth of other plant species. It can lead to oxygen depletion in the water and die-back increases nutrient levels. By absorbing sunlight it raises water temperatures.



If you see Floating American Pennywort in the Navigation please remove it and leave it on the bank where any small critters can make their way back into the water.

- Remove it by hand or with a rake or boathook.
- Try not to break it up and catch anything that gets away (it only needs one fragment of stalk with a leaf attached to grow into a huge raft).

It's only by removing all signs of Pennywort that we'll keep the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation clear of this invasive weed. Please help!

If you'd like to take part in an organised pennywort-removing work party contact the Chelmer Canal Trust for details of their regular events: <http://www.chelmercanaltrust.co.uk>.



To help stop the spread of invasive non-native species don't forget to



craft, equipment and clothes