Protecting our native freshwater pearl mussels

We need your help if you see

1. Piles of dead shells in or near the river
2. Persons wading and using a cleft stick and glass bottomed bucket
3. Excessive siltation or pollution
4. River works that may be causing damage
5. Stressed or stranded mussel beds

Reporting – how you can help

- Record the time and date
- Identify location by GPS or map
- Take a description of persons involved including gender, height and clothing
- Make a note of vehicles including registration, make and model
- Take photographs or video, but only if safe to do so.
- Don’t approach suspects
- Don’t interfere with evidence
- Don’t disturb the scene
- Don’t ignore an incident and please...
- Report anything suspicious no matter how small. Evidence of wildlife crime is not always obvious.

Contact Details

In the first instance always contact your local police.

Riverwatcher
 tel 01463 783505
  mob 07789 793199
  riverwatcher@rafts.org.uk

Crimestoppers
 tel 0800 555111
 (999 if a crime is in progress)