

Freshwater Records Highbury Park 2.4.2016

In the pouring rain, intrepid explorers sloshed about in the waters of Highbury Park. Henbury Pond, known to be home to at least 40 species of water creatures only revealed a lesser water boatman and plume midge larvae. Shuttock stream was found to be full of water shrimp and olive mayfly larvae – distinctive with their three tails. This is a good sign in terms of water quality. However a survey in 2014 also found a caseless caddis larva which was not found this time. We hope this is not an indication that there has been some water pollution. If anyone wants to look at survey findings from Highbury Park, please see the HPF website.

Henbury's (Lily) Pond SP 07033 82209

Weather: Rain

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A few dips revealed a lesser water boatman (corixidae) and plume midge larvae (Chironomidae)

Shuttock Stream SP 06790 82422

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A kick sample of 90 seconds.

Olive Mayfly larva (around 10)
Freshwater Shrimp (around 60)
Leech Erpobdellidae (2)
Plume Midge larva <10
Pea mussel (2)
Plume midge larva <10