

Sustainable Water

North St. Footbridge

The Footbridge over Town Beck into Church Field provides a good view of the bed of the beck both upstream and downstream. Standing on the bridge looking upstream, patience is needed, but it is often possible to see crayfish moving around slowly in the water (see POI 8 for more details).

Otters have also been seen here. In 2018 members of the Environment Group working with the Brownies set up a night-time trail camera in the garden of the house just upstream and caught on film an otter with two cubs entering the garden from Church Field through a hole in the wall.



If you turn round and look downstream you will see the road bridge into Church Field. Down to the right is the opening of an old land drain. There are many drains bringing surface water into the beck at different places through the village. This is one of the older ones. Surface water running off the streets is far from clean. Such runoff is one of the main reasons Town Beck is in an ecologically poor condition.