

Twickenham, and the Richmond Society has recently successfully restored the statue of the River God in Terrace Gardens. The British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) is likely to be involved in much work on the Thames banks and riverside land during the implementation of Strategy projects. The BTCV has been long established in this area.

However, not all voluntary interest is 'hands on' - there is extensive local knowledge and expertise in academic and historic aspects of the Thames and many societies are used to working in partnership with statutory organisations and professional bodies on projects and publications. Intense interest, and enthusiastic and informed support has already been given to the principle of this Strategy by the voluntary sector.

LAND MANAGEMENT

There is an unusually high proportion of public and charity owned land along the Thames between Hampton and Kew, managed with the public benefit as a priority. Private landowners are also keen to manage their properties in harmony with the river landscape, encouraged and advised by incentives, such as the Countryside Commission Stewardship Scheme and the English Heritage grants for historic parks and gardens. The main public and charitable landowners are the:

- **Borough of Elmbridge**
- **Crown Estate Commissioners**
- **English Heritage**
- **Historic Royal Palaces Agency**
- **London Borough of Hounslow**
- **London Borough of Richmond-upon-Thames**
- **Lovaine Trust, Syon**
- **National Rivers Authority**
- **National Trust**
- **Port of London Authority**
- **Royal Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames**
- **Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew**
- **Royal Parks Executive Agency**
- **Surrey County Council**