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**Improving water quality on the River Wharfe from Oughtershaw to the Ouse: a
citizen science project**

The River Wharfe Big Health Check

Excitingly on **Monday August 24th 2020** the ground-breaking iWharfe Project will be bringing together a diverse range of organisations and local citizens for The River Wharfe Big Health Check

- 💧 By taking and analysing water samples from Oughtershaw to the Ouse all on the same day we'll get a snapshot of water quality conditions from along the full length of the river
- 💧 Water quality in the upper reaches of the river is good but as the river flows down to the Ouse it becomes progressively polluted by runoff from agricultural land and discharge from septic tanks and sewage treatment plants
- 💧 We want to draw attention to the problem of river water pollution and, at the same time, help to find solutions. Where are the pollution sources? How serious are they? Who is most at risk from faecal bacteria? What can be done to make the water safe for recreation? And how can wildlife be protected and restored?
- 💧 We are citizen scientists representing community groups from along the Wharfe working together with **Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust, The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority** and the **Environment Agency**

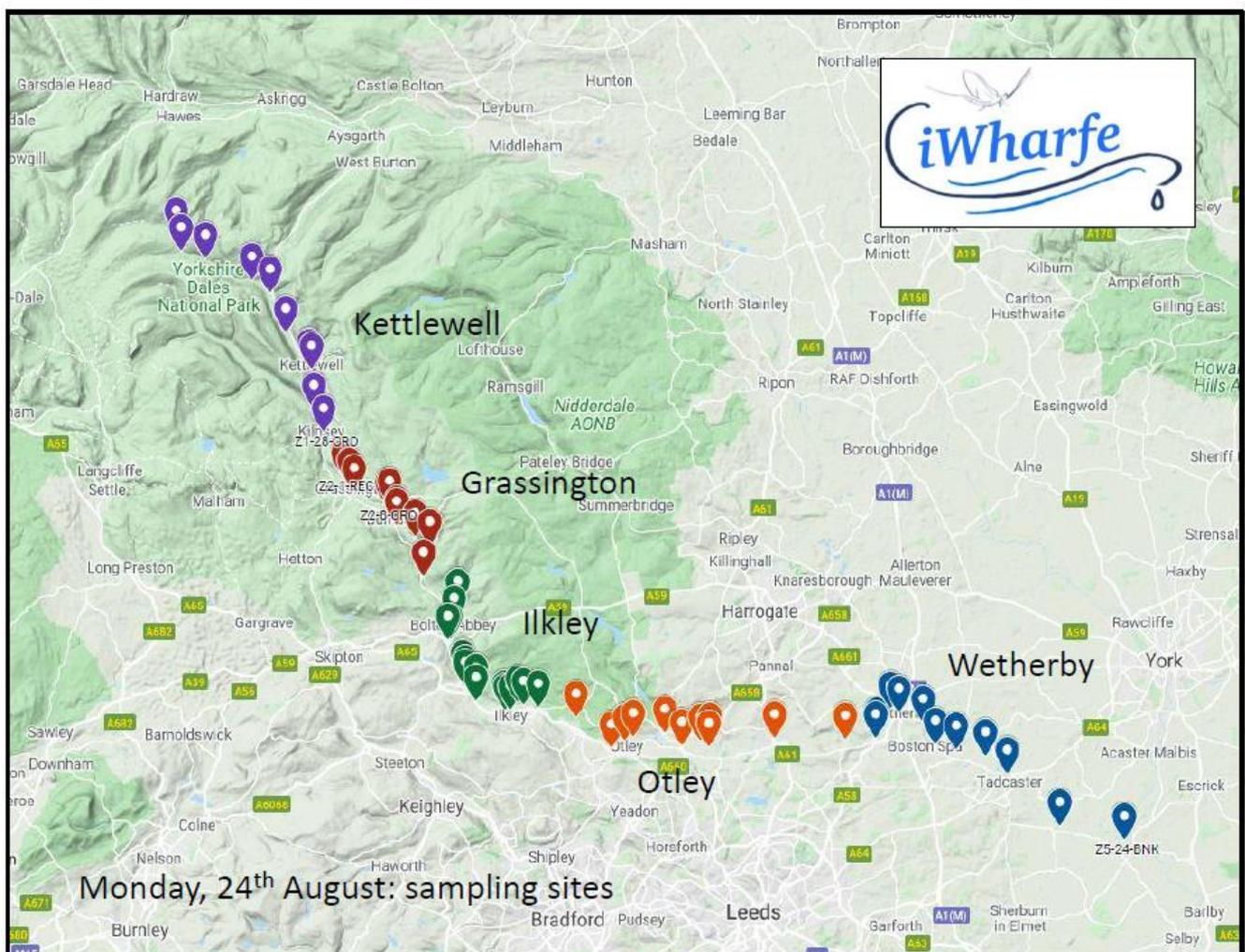
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"If everyone works together we can restore the Wharfe to its former glory"