

Douglas Dragonflies

Douglas Dragonflies, 2001.
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River Douglas.



The River Douglas flows through the town of Wigan and still provides habitat for a variety of wildlife. If you are lucky you may be able to spot dragonflies along this stretch of the river. The cast bronze sculpture, which was sponsored by Douglas and Yarrow Valley Action, Groundwork Trust, Mersey Basin Campaign, Wigan Council, European Funds and Tesco, is three metres tall.

What does the surface feel like?

Can you guess what the original sculpture was made from?

Possible Activities.

Could you write a poem about dragonflies? The river is probably the reason that Wigan was established as a settlement. Can you imagine what this spot would have been like 1000 years/500 years/100 years/10 years ago? We all have a responsibility to protect our environment. All kinds of pollution affects the river. Can you design a poster that encourages people to think about the wildlife that relies on the River Douglas and how we might protect it?