

Welcome to Seven Springs

The ultimate source of the River Thames

"HIC TUUS O TAMESINE PATER SEPTEMCEMINUS FONIS"

"Here, O Father Thames, is your sevenfold Spring"

This is the Latin inscription engraved into two stone plaques set into the stone wall overlooking the springs below.

Coberley Parish Council is extremely grateful to the four organisations which have provided funding to improve this natural history landmark, by restoring a major section of the dry stone wall which separates it from the A436.

Cotswolds Conservation Board (Countryside Fund)

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Gloucestershire Highways

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Without their generosity this project would not have been possible.

Despite the controversy over the years, Seven Springs is certainly one of the sources of the River Thames and is held by many to be the ultimate source.

Although it is the source of the River Churn, which flows into the Thames at Cricklade, the location of Seven Springs is furthest from the mouth and adds some 14 miles to the length of the river flow. The springs at Seven Springs also flow throughout the year, while those at Thames Head, which is quoted as the official source of the Thames, are only seasonal. The Churn/Thames River may therefore, be regarded as the longest natural river flow in the United Kingdom, beating its nearest rival, the River Severn, by some 9 miles.