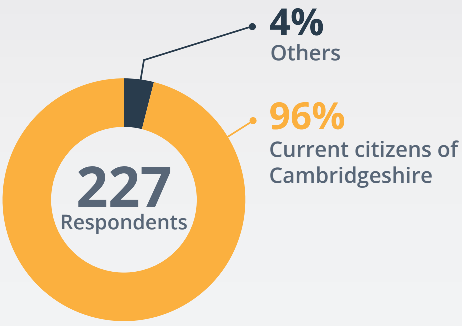
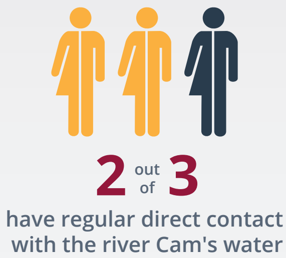
PuntSeq Cambridge — Health and the River Cam, Public Survey Analysis

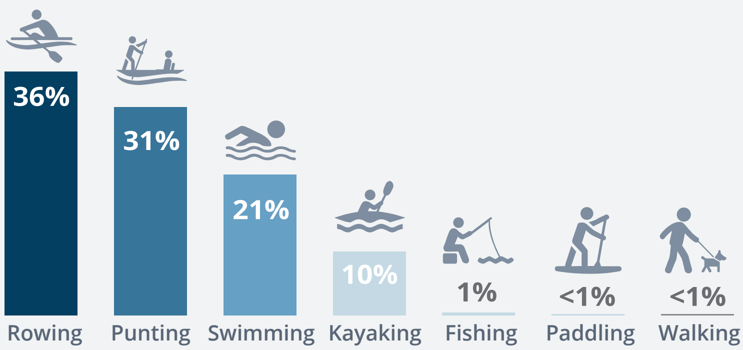
Year by year, Cambridge rowers, swimmers and punters claim to experience serious infections associated with pathogens obtained from our river Cam's water. To get a better qualitative understanding of this issue, we have conducted a public online survey assessing Cambridge citizens' general contact with the river as well as people's actual experiences. The results reveal that the majority of river users stay healthy, however around 20%* of all respondents have reported infections likely to be attributed to Cam water contact (*potentialy biased by the participants). This might explain why most Cambridge citizens and visitors approach the prospect of a Cam swim with a potentially healthy dose of scepticism.

Who Responded?





Activities people do on the Cam



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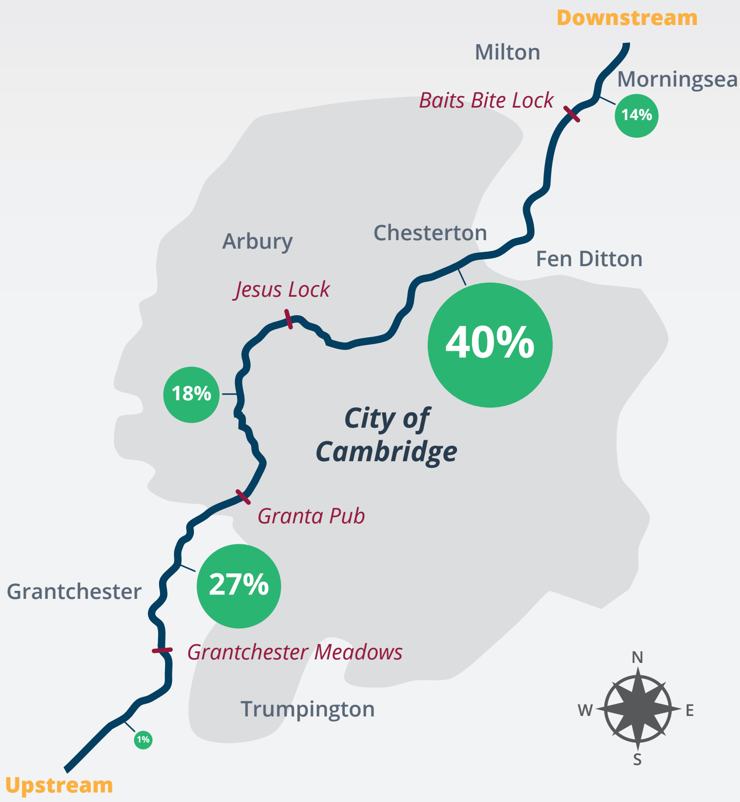

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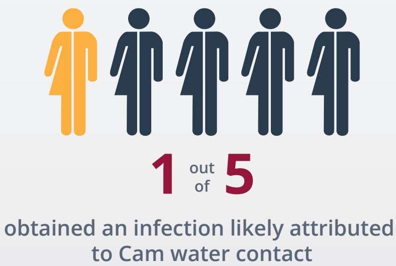

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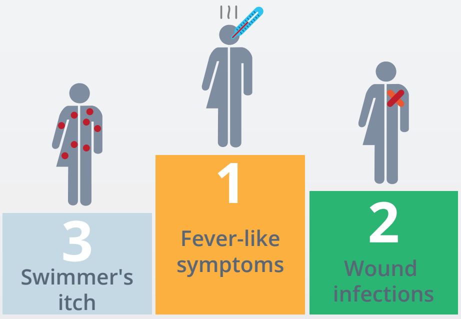
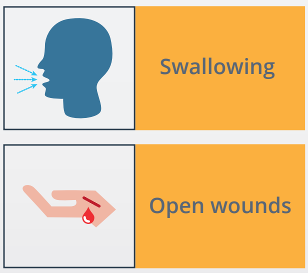


Most reported infection ways



What people associate with the Cam

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