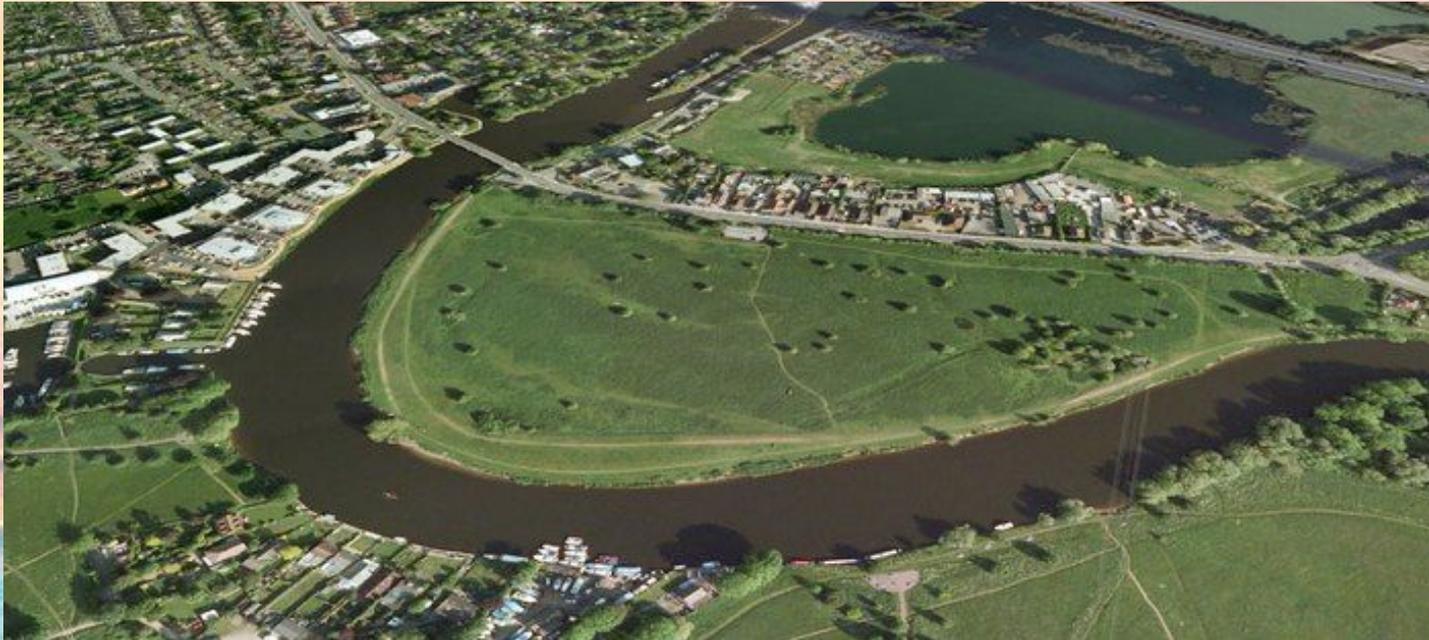


# ***The Thames***



# *The Thames is*

*One of the attractions of London , as well as one of the most famous rivers in the world .. It flows through the city of London.*





***It Flows 215 miles across the English countryside and then through the heart of the great city before it reaches the sea.***



***In the past , there were very few roads in England, so Thames served as a link between London and many parts of the country.***



***In wartime , London was protected from naval attacks because castles and fortresses were built at the mouth of the river .***



***The people of London got their drinking water from the Thames , and the cows and the sheep were very common on its shores too.***



***On the Thames you can often see a variety of water activities and competitions .A spectacular and exciting rowing race, in which Cambridge and Oxford are competing attracts thousands of viewers. Annually you can watch Hennessey regatta, which is popular throughout Europe.***



***It is along this river that most of London's attractions are concentrated. On one of the banks you can see the famous “London Eye”, while on the other there is Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament.***



*It is interesting that the Thames is a tidal river. Its a fun feature is that the direction and level of water can be changed twice a day. When casting the water runs the usual way-towards the sea, and during the tide Thames becomes more full-flowing and water it comes in the opposite direction, from the sea. Some of the quays for this reason, sometimes completely go under water, so it is better to specify just in case, when the next tide is expected before the walk.*



***Come to London and see this beauty with your own eyes.***

