

WILD TROUT TRUST AWARDS 2011

Over 100 guests attended this year's Wild Trout Trust and Orvis Conservation Awards, which celebrate and recognise the achievements of those involved in trout habitat management over the past 12 months. RRC's Martin Janes (Managing Director) and Jenny Mant (Science and Technical Manager) again formed part of the adjudicator team this year.

Joint winners were the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust for their river restoration project on the River Itchen, and Luke Kozak from Woodland Water and Gardens and Dominic Longley from the Environment Agency for a restoration project in Midsomer Norton (right).

For a full list of winners please consult the [Wild Trout Trust website](#)



RRC CONFERENCE 2012 REMINDER

Don't forget that early bird discounts are now available for our Annual Network Conference on the 19th & 20th of April, but for the remainder of the month only. This year's programme has a special focus on the nitty-gritty of techniques, as well as covering funding aspects and partnerships, with workshops on monitoring, training and knowledge exchange. You can also now pay for your booking online.

To view the programme and access the booking form, check [our website](#).


RESTORE ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

A [RESTORE](#) western region workshop was held in Paris during November, to discuss how policy might better target river restoration techniques. Representatives from England, Scotland, Republic of Ireland, France Denmark and the Netherlands were in attendance. It provided a great opportunity to swap ideas and discuss issues that were of mutual concern. Better linkages between land and water policy and spatial planning were highlighted as some of the key factors that limited current work. The full outputs from this workshop will be available on the RESTORE and RRC websites in the new year.

On the 8th and 9th March 2012, we will be holding another event in Arnhem, Netherlands. The theme for this workshop is 'Spatial planning and conflicting land use requirements'.

Further information on this event will follow in the new year or alternatively please [contact Di Hammond](#) (RRC senior projects advisor)

The River Restoration Centre is the West Region lead organisation for the [EU LIFE+ RESTORE Information and Communication project](#) (2010-2013) which encourages the communication of sustainable river restoration best practice across Europe.

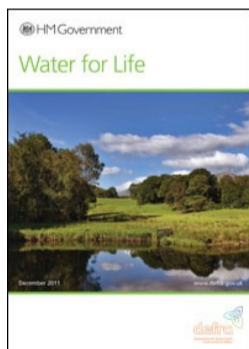


GEOMORPHOLOGY POSTS AT THE EA

The Environment Agency is establishing a new geomorphology technical service to aid the protection and improvement of the ecological status of surface waters across England and Wales. A number of different posts are available across a range of salary grades, but **act fast**, as the closing date for applications is **Wednesday 21st December**.

For more information and to apply please visit the [Environment Agency website](#).

WATER WHITE PAPER



Earlier this month the government published the Water White Paper– *Water for Life*. The paper details a vision for future water management while following on from a previous White Paper *The Natural Choice*, published in June this year. The paper emphasises the need to halt and reverse the damage previously done to Britain's waters while creating new policies and techniques to aid in the protection of water resources.

For more information please visit the [DEFRA website](#)

MEET THE STAFF: IAN BROWN

I have been with the RRC since April 2007, joining a week before the Annual Network Conference which is the busiest time for the office.

I am the Membership Officer, responsible for looking after current RRC members as well as dealing with enquiries from potential new members. I organise the summer site visit programme that has been running for the past couple of years and I am the person who sends out the reminder when your RRC membership is about to expire!

I run the booking process for the Annual Network Conference as well as approaching potential sponsors. The sponsorship is used to finance attendees who wish to come to the conference but are unable to find the money themselves. ...And together with my colleague Jo Evason, we are the pair who will greet you at conference check-in with the delegate handbook, name badge and a big cheesy grin!



FINALLY, FROM ALL THE STAFF AT THE RRC, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY 2012

Visit our [Website](#) and [YouTube channel](#). Follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#). Become a [Facebook fan](#).

For those on [LinkedIn](#), a group managed by RRC Board Member Claire Thirlwall, 'River Restoration Professionals', is recommended by the RRC as an active discussion forum. [View the group here](#).

If you have questions or comments, or if you would like to remove your name from our mailing list, please contact us by email: rrc@therrc.co.uk or call 01234 752979.