



# the River Restoration Centre

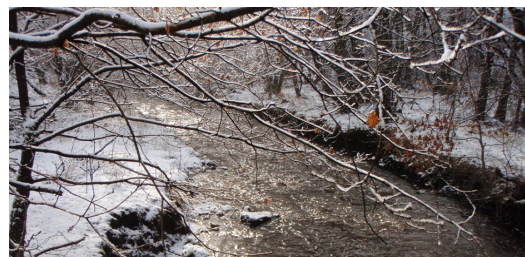
Working to restore and enhance our rivers

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## Bulletin



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL AT  
THE RRC!**



## RESTORING HIGH ENERGY RIVERS: BEST PRACTICE

A recent RESTORE event in Scotland focused on the impact of barriers (to sediment, flow and fish) on high energy river systems, and the benefits of implementing natural fish passage solutions. An article authored by the RRC, which features in the "Managing Water e-magazine", summarises initial findings from the workshop. Some of the aspects discussed in the article include:

- overcoming risk and uncertainty;
- considering hydropower;
- the role of stakeholders.

[Click here](#) to read the full article. The e-magazine also features other articles on river restoration, fish passage and sustainable flood management.



## CATCHMENT RESTORATION FUND UPDATE



To date, through two rounds of applications, Defra's Catchment Restoration Fund (CRF) has approved 42 projects with a value of c£24m. These projects will deliver multiple benefits targeting over 300 waterbodies.

The Environment Agency and Defra, advised by the RRC, are committed to delivering the current programme. However, it has now been confirmed that there will not be a third round in March 2013.

[Read Environment Agency press release in full.](#)

## LEARNING LESSONS FROM THE CATCHMENT PILOTS

A portfolio of lessons, developed using case studies from the ten Environment Agency hosted pilots, is now available online: <https://brand.environment-agency.gov.uk/mb/DPzDYB>

The lessons are split between three themes:

- Evidence;
- Engagement;
- Outcomes.

Further tips are included at the end of the document. The portfolio will continue to evolve over time.

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### CATCHMENT PILOTS LESSONS PORTFOLIO v1.0 Oct 2012

The aim of the pilots is to test approaches to improved engagement, information sharing and co-ordination of action at a catchment level to assess how we:

- get more action at a local level, from across society and business, to protect and improve water;
- build approaches that deliver multiple benefits;
- help develop guidance for second-cycle planning.

The lessons identified from the pilots hosted by the Environment Agency are collated in this evolving portfolio, and illustrated with case studies as a means of sharing and embedding good practice.

To contribute to this portfolio please email [ross.brewer@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:ross.brewer@environment-agency.gov.uk)

For copies of maps and further information please contact the relevant catchment coordinator for each case study via the email addresses provided.

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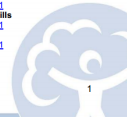
##### Evidence

Lesson 1: Translate evidence in a meaningful way for your audience.  
[Evidence mapping: Adur & Cuse](#) [Ref: Evidence 1.1](#)  
[Catchment line diagrams: Stubb](#) [Ref: Evidence 1.2](#)  
[Evidence mapping: Lower Wear](#) [Ref: Evidence 1.3](#)  
[Evidence work: Lower Wear](#) [Ref: Evidence 1.4](#)

Lesson 2: Use additional evidence to identify action  
[Mapping incidents: Lower Wear](#) [Ref: Evidence 2.1](#)

##### Engagement

Lesson 1: Take time to understand your stakeholders  
[Stakeholder Mapping Workshop: Welland](#) [Ref: Engage 1.1](#)  
Lesson 2: Facilitation services pay off  
[Benefits of facilitation: Lower Lea, Trwell & Leam](#) [Ref: Engage 2.1](#)  
Lesson 3: Engagement techniques can accelerate 'getting to yes'  
[Background: Inver](#) [Ref: Engage 3.1](#)  
[The 'Bully Ewe' tool: River Ecclesbourne](#) [Ref: Engage 3.2](#)  
Lesson 4: Use plain English to communicate technical issues.  
[Reasons for failure work \(RFF\): Don & Rother](#) [Ref: Engage 4.1](#)  
Lesson 5: Engagement takes time, and requires staff with the right skills  
[Co-ordinator appointment: Leam](#) [Ref: Engage 5.1](#)  
Lesson 6: Deliver quick win projects to gain momentum  
[Source appointment + farm advice: Welland](#) [Ref: Engage 6.1](#)



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## EUROPEAN RIVER RESTORATION NEWS

European  
River Restoration  
Conference

Featuring the IRF Riverprize

Celebrating Successes and Addressing Challenges

5th edition | 11-13 September 2013 | Vienna

**RESTORE calls for Submissions to the European River Restoration Conference 2013 in Vienna.** For more information about conference themes and sessions, and how to upload a submission, [click here](#).

**Making Space for the River** examines recent developments in river (flood) management and resulting challenges for water governance. Different examples from Europe and the United States demonstrating approaches to 'green' rivers, enhancing the landscape, promoting local or regional economic development, and supporting urban regeneration. Available from the [IWA website](#) (£89 +p&p).

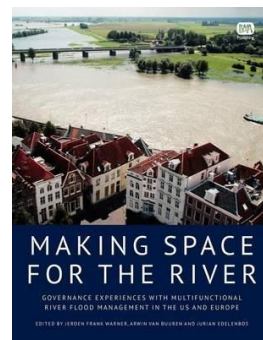


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The River Restoration Centre is the West Region lead organisation for the [EU LIFE+ RESTORE Information and Communication project](#) (2010-2013) which encourages the communication of sustainable river restoration best practice across Europe.



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### SEPA seeks views on next river basin management plan

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