

#### the River Restoration Centre

Working to restore and enhance our rivers

Delivering River Restoration: Recipes for Success

### 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NETWORK CONFERENCE













Restoring Europe's Rivers



























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### WELCOME

to the River Restoration Centre's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Network Conference

University of Nottingham 2012

Geraldene Wharton
RRC Chair of Directors

## Information and Advice Service

#### **Independent Advice**

- To promote best practice river restoration and management

#### **Knowledge Sharing**

- National River Restoration Inventory
- Annual Network Conference & Site Visits
- Manual of Techniques
- Newsletter and Bulletins
- Web resources
- Workshops
- Supporting wider initiatives

A unique evidence-based source of information and advice for k nowledge exchange, project support, guidance and mentoring across the UK

#### Independent advice

- Promoting best practice river restoration and management
- On-site and desk-based support to evaluate river restoration potential
- Technical training courses and workshops

#### Knowledge sharing

- Annual network conference and programme of site visits
- Manual of River Restoration Techniques
- Informative newsletter, monthly bulletins and web resources
- National river restoration inventory (NRRI) and contacts
- Supporting European river restoration practices through the EU LIFE+ RESTORE project

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#### Look forward to working with you ALL this year

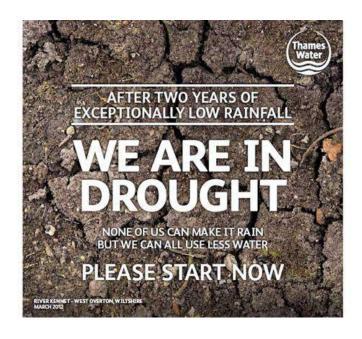
## Meet the Staff

- Martin Janes Managing Director
- Jenny Mant Science and Technical Manager
- Di Hammond Senior Projects Adviser
- James Holloway Projects Adviser
- Nick Elbourne Information Officer
- Ian Brown Administrator
- Emma Turner Accounts Technician
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- Rob Clapham River Ouse Officer
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## River Restoration and the Bigger Issues

Building resilience into rivers





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Large Woody Vegetation as a restoration tool

\* Radio 4 Nature Series 6: Wood & Water

\* EA Policy

Document





# Key Highlights from a Busy Year!

- Catchment Restoration Fund for England and Wales: RRC support to the Environment Agency and Defra through technical assessment
- Support to the Scottish Natural Flood Management team
- Supporting the EA Northern Ambition project to remove culverts by developing a prioritising methodology (see RRC poster)
- Supporting the Bath & North East Somerset initiative to incorporate river restoration on the Bristol Avon into their green infrastructure ambitions
- Providing information on best practice river restoration to Northern Ireland including the Ballymoney council project

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 RESTORE EU Life+ funded project: Europeanwide dissemination of the River Restoration message including workshops on the following themes delivered by RRC (western lead)





## Workshops

Main Themes (with respect to River Restoration)

- Contractors and Consultants views on how to deliver (New Forest England).
- Integrated policy (Paris, France).
- Water management (Lille, France).
- Spatial planning (Arnhem, Netherlands).

**And**..... more to come including:



- A workshop in Scotland on high energy rivers (25 September 2012)
- An opportunity to see the new WIKI database of projects at this conference
- More information WWW.restorerivers.eu

## Some of RRC's Attractions

- Practical River Restoration
   Appraisal Guidance for
   Monitoring Option (PRAGMO)
   - now on the RRC website. How
   to use the guide described in
   workshops on day 2 of this
   conference
- New style bulletin including 'meet the staff feature' any comments/discussion please let us know.....







# **Looking Forward**

- Manual of Techniques update.
- Nene Nature Improvement Area (RRC to host River Restoration Officer).
- Increase science and practitioner links through the development of a new science strategy.
- Increase the available evidence base for river restoration by collating information and assessing success from the various UK funded projects......
- ...... and in Europe through RESTORE



## Visit the RRC Stand

#### Register your information:

- 6 month free trial opportunity for contractors, consultants and suppliers to register their profile on the RRC website.
- Do you have case studies we might use in our *Manual of Techniques* update or an example of something that hasn't worked?
- Do you know of a gauging weir that could be replaced with an alternative solution?
- Register your projects and undertake the Olympic challenge!



