

RRC OLYMPIC CHALLENGE - CELEBRATING GB'S BEST

The RRC's National River Restoration Inventory is the largest resource of UK river restoration and habitat enhancement data. With the coming of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, we would like to hear your suggestions for "gold-medal" restoration in the following disciplines to celebrate the best that Britain has to offer. Either promote your own project or nominate one!

- 1. Marathon** – Longest project including pre and post monitoring
- 2. Sprint** – Project construction start to finish (*with a positive outcome!*)
- 3. Relay** – Most project partners/funding partners involved
- 4. High-jump** – Greatest height (barrier) overcome in project
- 5. Hurdles** – Biggest hurdle overcome (*metaphorically speaking*)
- 6. Freestyle** - Most innovative design/ approach to restoration

In true Olympic spirit, RRC would like to reward those who submit winning projects as, without your support, the NRRI would not continue to reflect current practice (*Prizes TBC*). The best projects will feature in future Bulletins, and they will be considered as part of the update of our River Restoration Manual of Techniques.

To **enter**, all that we require is **100 words (max)** detailing the restoration works, with photos before and after. The deadline is the **9th September** to coincide with the end of the Paralympics.



RRC CONFERENCE OUTPUTS NOW AVAILABLE

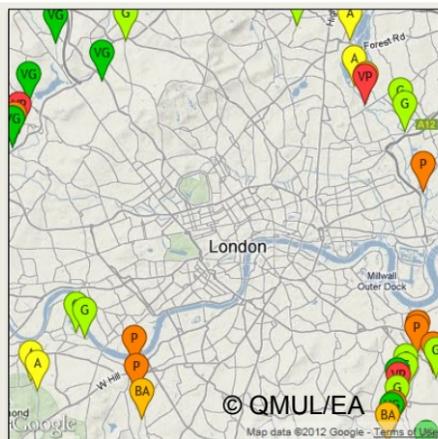
All presentations, posters and additional materials from this year's RRC conference in Nottingham are now available on the [RRC website](#).

If you have any comments or questions on the content at this year's event then please get in touch.

Furthermore, if you have suggestions for themes at next year's conference, we would like to hear from you as soon as possible. A 'call for abstracts' will be sent out within the next month.



NEW RESOURCE: A SURVEY METHOD FOR URBAN RIVERS



An adaptation of the River Habitat Survey, the URS is a scientific assessment method which has been developed by Angela Gurnell, Lucy Shuker (QMUL), Ruth Hanniffy and Dave Webb (Environment Agency). The URS website allows users to freely upload surveys, and view data from those completed by others. Data can illustrate the relative physical quality of surveyed stretches within the range achievable in an urban environment (and compared to other sites).

Anyone is able to freely [download the manual and guidance](#). If you are interested in populating the resource, contact [Lucy Shuker](#).

MEET THE STAFF: TRACY BURTON

Tracy joined RRC in April of this year as the Centre's Administrative Assistant. Her first day was at this year's RRC conference - talk about being thrown into the deep end!

I help with the day to day administration of the Centre, and I am the first point of contact for telephone enquiries and emails. My other responsibilities include supporting the planning and delivery of the Annual Network Conference; helping to maintain the National River Restoration Inventory updating contacts and project records; and distributing the RRC Bulletin and Newsletter.

I process new membership applications; generate invoices; maintain stationery supplies; assist the Accounts Technician with updating records; and generally support other members of staff.

Prior to working at the RRC I gained 15 years experience as an Office Administrator, and I work part-time to allow me to spend time with my young family.



LITERATURE PRAISES THE WORK OF PRACTITIONERS

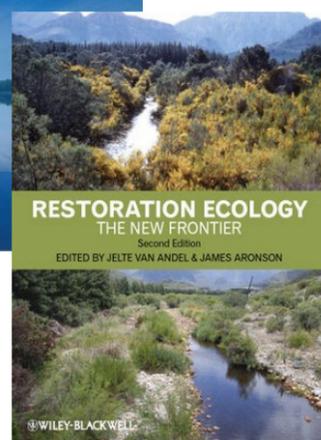
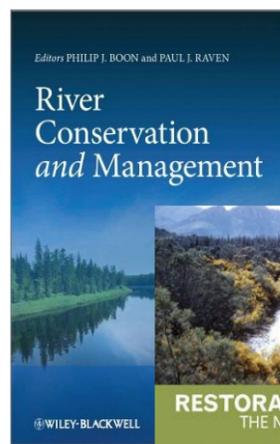
RRC contributed to two recently published books which document current evidence and identify future challenges in restoration ecology. Two special edition journal papers are also worth mentioning as they praise the growing number of practitioners and others involved in practising, and documenting ecological outcomes following restoration and ecological engineering. To view details for these, click on the links (*note: access may be restricted*):

Textbooks

- [River Conservation and Management](#)
- [Research Ecology, the New Frontier](#)

Journals

- [Freshwater Biology](#), Volume 57, Supplement s1
- [Ecological Engineering](#), Volume 45



Both
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