

CATCHMENT PARTNERSHIP LEARNING WORKSHOP OUTPUTS

Over the last month, the RRC has coordinated three catchment partnership learning workshops with the Environment Agency and CaBA support team. The events, held in Sheffield, Bristol, and London, focused on strengthening the project monitoring, evaluation and reporting skills of partnerships.

Over 140 delegates attended the events, with an impressive 80% of all partnerships in England represented. Both Catchment Restoration Fund and Catchment Partnership Action Fund project leads presented lessons learnt from their projects, whilst there was also plenty of time for valuable discussion and group exercises.

"I've learnt how important it is to think specifically about what you are trying to achieve, and not to use woolly terms to describe objectives"

Thank you to all those who participated in the events. We will be sending out a summary highlighting of the key messages and discussions in March. Photos, presentations and handouts including the popular monitoring planner are available from our website here [>>>](#)

Watch out for future RRC training courses via our events stream [>>>](#)



Group discussion at the Bristol event

RRC CONFERENCE SITE VISIT



Source: Wyre Rivers Trust

Scorton Habitat Scheme - One of the Wyre Rivers Trust's previous projects

Over 200 people have booked onto this year's RRC Conference in Blackpool with less than two months to go before the event. You can still book your place for the conference here [>>>](#)

The site visit is always a popular part of the conference and recently we went to check out this year's site. About 30 minutes from Blackpool the Wyre Catchment Partnership are carrying out works on Ambrose Farm with funding from the Catchment Partnership Action Fund (CPAF).

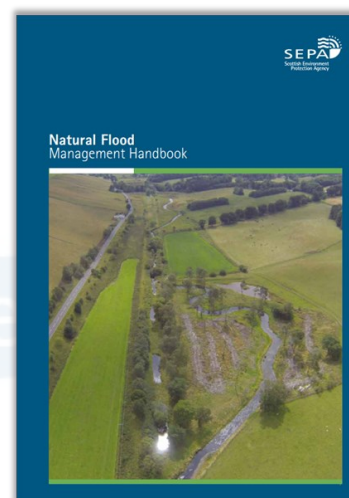
These works include stock proof fencing, bank restoration interventions and crossing point improvements. You can read more about the site visit on our blog [>>>](#)

NEW SEPA NATURAL FLOOD MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency, with guidance from the RRC have recently published a new handbook to help local authorities and landowners implement natural flood management measures.

Recent flooding has sparked debates on the need to manage flooding differently, this report looks at how Natural Flood Management can contribute to this.

View the Handbook [>>>](#)



REFORM POLICY BRIEF No.3

A FRESH LOOK AT EFFECTIVE RIVER RESTORATION: KEY CONCLUSIONS FROM THE REFORM PROJECT

The final REFORM policy brief makes a number of key conclusions and recommendations for policy makers involved in river basin management planning. These address the following themes:

- REFORM hydromorphology framework
- REFORM hydromorphological assessment methods
- Remote sensing for river hydromorphological investigation
- Role of vegetation and floodplains
- Groundwater-river interactions
- Coupling hydromorphology to biotic responses
- Planning stream and river restoration
- Cost-benefit analysis of restoration measures
- Linking e-flows to sediment dynamics
- Restoration measures at project level and their effects

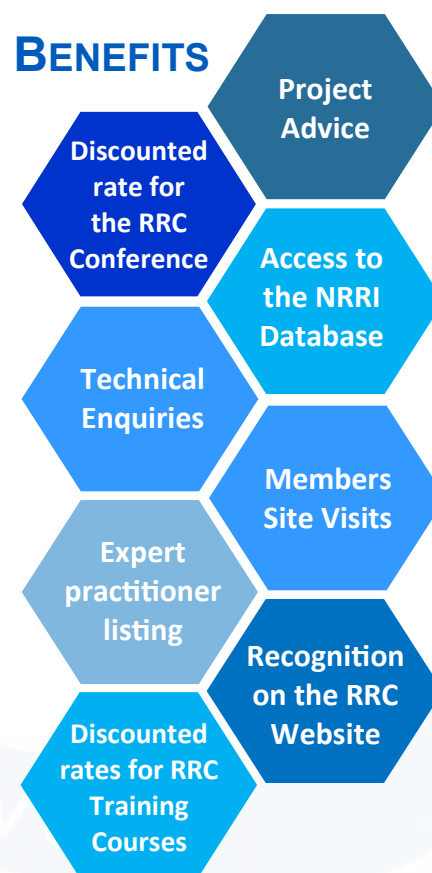
You can view the final report here [>>>](#)

RRC MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Over 1,600 RRC members enjoy benefits which can save them between £200 - £3800, depending on their membership level. The full range of membership options and benefits can be viewed on our website [>>>](#)

We want you to get the most out of your membership, so if you have a question or aren't sure about your membership benefits, please contact us [>>>](#)

If you're not yet a member, you can enquire online. With the conference approaching it's the perfect time to become a member of the River Restoration Centre [>>>](#)



Good to know News

Funding for urban river restoration projects from Downstreams Apply - [>>>](#)

The costs and impacts of the winter 2013 to 2014 floods [>>>](#)

Wear Rivers Trust Job Opportunity: Topsoil & Catchment Based Approach Project Officer [>>>](#)

3 Job Vacancies at APEM Limited [>>>](#)

Atlantic Salmon return to the River Don [>>>](#)

Events

Wild Trout Trust Conservation Awards [>>>](#)

River Habitat Survey Certification Course 9th-12th May [>>>](#)

CaBA Urban Training Workshops in March Manchester (15th) [>>>](#) London (18th) [>>>](#)

Water Environment - The Legal Framework Training Course [>>>](#)

HR Wallingford Training Courses [>>>](#)

RiverWiki

Project of the month: Welland for People and Wildlife [>>>](#)

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