



# 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 knowledge 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 (NIRRI) 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
- Tracey Burton - New post Administrative Assistant
- Rob Clapham - River Ouse Officer
- Laura Munoz-Puelles - ERASMUS student



# River Restoration and the Bigger Issues

- Building resilience into rivers





# River Restoration and the Bigger Issues

- Large Woody Vegetation as a restoration tool

\* Radio 4 Nature  
Series 6: Wood  
& Water

\* EA Policy  
Document



River Bure, Norfolk



# 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

# Key Highlights from a Busy Year!

- RESTORE EU Life+ funded project: European-wide 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](http://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!

