



Weir removal, lowering and modification: a review of best practice published

The review co-ordinated by the River Restoration Centre with contributions from Environment Agency staff and external experts has been published. It is available via the Environment Agency [publications catalogue](#) or [here](#), or through the RRC's Publications [webpage](#) (under R&D) alongside other guidance documents and reports the Centre has delivered.

The review assesses the existing evidence and knowledge base using grey & academic literature, data from the RRC's National River Restoration Inventory, a public survey of the RRC network and completed schemes with monitoring - some of which are included as extended case studies. The review also identifies limitations and benefits of weir removal and makes recommendations to help practitioners evaluate each site on a case-by-case basis.



At RRC, we continue to gather information on all weir projects, including the removal of Prestolee Weir on the River Irwell (before, below left and after, below right); one of RRC's Guided Members site visits earlier this year. This will help us learn more about the impacts, considerations and benefits. Continue to support us by sending through information and photographs from practical work you've been involved in.



Updated weir guidance will be made available in Spring 2014

A large proportion of weirs are historic structures and many contribute to historic landscape character and the setting of other heritage sites. The Environment Agency is developing guidance with English Heritage relating to weir modifications and how these may affect heritage assets. This information will be incorporated with current weir guidance & will be available in the spring.



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