

### MEMBERS VISIT AWARD WINNING SCHEME ON THE BEAM

Beam Washlands was the focus of a recent RRC Members Site Visit, hosted by RRC's Ian Brown, Dr Sally German (Arup), Mark Job (Arup) and Richard Hellier (EA). The site is an exciting new 53ha multifunctional wetland park for east London, linking deprived communities to the unique natural environment of the historic green space. The park is home to numerous protected species and the scheme has worked to sensitively integrate over 12ha of new varied habitat into the valuable landscape. The project was awarded CIWEM's Living Wetlands Award and attendees thought that the visit was informative and informal with good opportunity to network. For more info on the project visit: <http://www.thelandtrust.org.uk/community/viewnews.asp?id=116>

**NEXT UP:** The next RRC Members site visit which [you can register for today](#) is taking place next week (*Wednesday 3rd August*) on the River Dove in Dovedale. The project is a weir removal and habitat improvement scheme along a section of the river well known by fly fishing enthusiasts!

### BEST PRACTICE RIVER RESTORATION CONSTRUCTION & DESIGN WORKSHOP - 13TH/14TH JULY, NEW FOREST

The first engagement event for the West Region through the EU LIFE+ 'RESTORE' Project aimed at contractors, consultants and client managers, took place in mid July in the New Forest. During the two day workshop, issues arising between river restoration project designs and the 'on the ground' project delivery were discussed with potential solutions to the issues explored. Key findings suggested:

- The need for early contractor involvement
- The necessity for contractors to be on an Environment Agency framework agreement
- The need to understand project risk and set acceptable levels of risk to prevent over-engineering of projects
- Project funding should be for more than one year
- Standard specifications for river restoration products which can be endorsed by engineers



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Outputs from this workshop and the wider project will be available on the new RESTORE website.

The River Restoration Centre is the West Region lead organisation for the [EU LIFE+ RESTORE Information and Communication project](#) (2010-2013) which encourages the communication of sustainable river restoration best practice across Europe.



### MEET THE RRC STAFF: JOANNE EVASON

*Joanne Evason, RRC Accounts Technician, compiles, prepares, reports and delivers financial accounts of the RRC to senior management, directors and Companies House.*



"I produce and update itemised monthly management accounts, produce financial statements for the board of directors and support management accounts. This involves liaising with Martin Janes, RRC managing director and an RRC director responsible for the financial statements to agree the reporting prior to the regular Board Meetings. Year end accounts involves the reconciliation of all nominal accounts and the sales and purchase ledgers; providing all required information to trial balance for RRC'S external accountants. Statutory accounts procedures are sales and purchase invoices, credit card statements, Cranfield monthly invoicing, bank reconciliation, directors expenses and VAT returns; each with their own policies for procedure. Other roles include reporting the current financial status of all projects to the RRC Science & Technical Manager, Dr. Jenny Mant; and setting the budget, costing the event and liaising with the venue co-ordinator for the RRC Annual Network Conference". [Email Joanne](#) to get in touch.

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