



# the River Restoration Centre

Working to restore and enhance our rivers

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# Bulletin

**What is the RRC?** The UK River Restoration Centre is the national information and advisory centre on best practice river, watercourse and floodplain restoration, enhancement and management for wildlife and people. The monthly Bulletin shares up-to-date developments in the field and examples of best-practice. [Visit our website](#) to find out more, and get in touch.



## Restoring Europe's Rivers

The RESTORE project is made possible with the contribution of the LIFE+ financial instrument of the European Community



and works in partnership with  
ECRF

The EU LIFE+ RESTORE project is the focus of this special 10th edition of the RRC Bulletin, a summary of the project's findings & achievements to date. [View the RESTORE website](#) and read the [first project newsletter, which is freely available to download](#). There is also a 'Meet the Staff' feature.

**Welcome to the RESTORE partnership for river restoration in Europe**

RESTORE is a partnership for sharing knowledge and promoting best practice on river restoration in Europe. We encourage the restoration of European rivers towards a more natural state for increased ecological quality, flood risk reduction, and social and economic benefits.

**Latest news & updates**

- UK Public invited to view 'new' river at Amble Marshes - 05 November 2011
- The RESTORE website is now live! - 01 November 2011
- BBC countryfile looks at Restoring River Wiggles - 23 October 2011
- River improvements benefit wildlife in Sheffield, England - 20 October 2011

**New publication**

Summary - Review of European policy drivers for river restoration

This is the summary of the high level review defining the key drivers and European Union legislation and policies that promote complex and integrated forms of floodplain and catchment river restoration. It identifies the most significant barriers and constraints that need to be overcome in EU Member States. Examples of good practice are also referenced to facilitate an exchange of information between stakeholders within and across different Member States.

**Upcoming events**

- Slovenia Network Event - 16th November 2011 - 16/11/2011 09:00
- Paris policy event, 29th November 2011, Holiday Inn Express -
- symposium of the Centre for Wetland Ecology - 15/12/2011 10:00

**RESTORE aims to:**

1. Support river restoration practices
2. Build up existing network capacity
3. Promote effective knowledge transfer
4. Establish long term knowledge sharing

Enter the website  
[www.restoreivers.eu](http://www.restoreivers.eu)

**Featuring:**

- Aims
- Network
- Themes
- Case studies
- News & Events

## DOWNLOAD RESTORE NEWSLETTER, ISSUE 1

Introducing the RESTORE project, the project partners & featuring upcoming news & events.

Featuring articles from:

- **Martin Janes, RRC Managing Director** on the impact of the EU LIFE+ Houting project in Western Denmark.
- **Sarah Oakley, Forestry Commission** on engaging with stakeholders during SSSI restoration in the New Forest, England.
- Articles from the **Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE)** & the **Italian Centre for Italian River Restoration (CIRF)**: the RESTORE project lead organisations for the North & South Europe (regions) respectively.

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**Welcome**

We hope you enjoy this first issue. **Tom Antonia Scarr** RESTORE Co-ordinator

Be part of our river restoration community. Visit our new website [www.restoreivers.eu](http://www.restoreivers.eu). Please send us information you think may be of interest to other visitors - and let us know any other features you would like us to include.

In this issue:

- An Introduction to RESTORE partners
- Upcoming events - you are invited
- What's the Big Issue in Italy?
- Successes in Scandinavia
- Community engagement

Workshop at Blackwater River, New Forest, England

Visit [www.restoreivers.eu](http://www.restoreivers.eu) or contact Tom Scarr [antonia.scarr@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:antonia.scarr@environment-agency.gov.uk)

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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 STAFF: MARTIN JANES

"As Managing Director, my role at RRC combines technical advice on river restoration implementation, representing practitioners and the wider restoration community at policy and strategy steering groups and managing the business side of a not-for-profit organisation. I work directly with our 'core funder' representatives from the Environment Agency, the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency, Natural England, Scottish Natural Heritage, Rivers Agency and the Northern Ireland Environment Agency to ensure that RRC is providing the expertise they need. We also look at what might be necessary or helpful, based on RRC's position as the focus for information on what is happening in the UK, and abroad.



Since the day he hatched, Martin has been interested in rivers © RRC (2011)

Over the past year I have been managing RRC's input to the initial stages of **RESTORE**. This is the first 'Information and Communication' strand of LIFE+ projects for rivers and it fits precisely with the aim of RRC to communicate best practice river restoration implementation, albeit at the European scale. Knowledge exchange events and opportunities for sharing good practice examples have already taken place in 11 of the 21 countries within the project's scope. Recently I presented **RESTORE** as a keynote at an international conference in Denmark on restoring river habitat, and themes were explored at a European river restoration networks meeting in Slovenia.

Through the ongoing suite of **RESTORE** events and exchanges of experiences, I know we can add a lot to the information resource available to river managers". [Email Martin to get in touch.](#)

## LATEST RIVER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS INCLUDING:

- [RRC Conference 2012 - Early-bird booking launched NEXT WEEK](#)
- [Join the LinkedIn RESTORE Group "Restoring Europe's Rivers"](#)

Visit our [Website](#) (\*\*4 NEW pages\*\*) and the RRC [YouTube channel](#).

Follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#). Become a [Facebook fan](#).

For those on LinkedIn, a group managed by RRC Board Member Claire Thirlwall, 'River Restoration Professionals', is recommended by the RRC as an active discussion forum. [View the group here.](#)

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