



the River Restoration Centre

Working to restore and enhance our rivers

RIVER CHAMPIONS

“Recognising those who volunteer their time to improve rivers”

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The success of projects aiming to improve rivers for wildlife and people is largely influenced by the involvement of volunteers. The River Restoration Centre understands the importance of this contribution and wishes to acknowledge those that may otherwise not get recognition.

‘River Champions’ seeks to celebrate the outstanding efforts of individuals contributing to river restoration in their area. It aims to recognise those dedicating time outside of their day-to-day roles to contribute towards improving rivers for wildlife and people.

Each ‘River Champion’ has been nominated by someone who works closely with them and has seen the impact that they have had over a number of years. A judging panel then selected the ‘River Champions’ based on their impact and the amount of time they have contributed to improving rivers.

The selected River Champions are:

Jon Bass, Wessex (England)

Rachel Graham, Lincolnshire (England)

Simon Mckelvey, Scotland

Howard Stevens, Denbighshire (Wales)

Gordon Swindells, Martock (England)

Lauren Vickers, Lincolnshire (England)

Gisele Verniers, Belgium

Jeff Woodhouse, Thames Valley (England)

Find out more about the River Champions [here](#).

The 'River Champions' will be recognised at the 2019 UK River Prize Awards Dinner on Tuesday 30th April at the Britannia Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool. RRC will also be showcasing the work of each 'River Champion' throughout the year on the RRC website and social media platforms as well as the RRC Bulletin.

Notes to editors

RRC is the UK's expert centre for information and advice on best practice restoration and management of rivers and their catchments. We are committed to ensuring our watercourses are restored and managed for the benefit of all, with long lasting results for future generations to enjoy. Healthy rivers and catchments provide enjoyment and well-being for people, rich and diverse wildlife and strong economic benefits for modern society.

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