



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:

Sharon Girardi, Wales

Angela Gurnell, Greater London

Martyn Hale, Bristol

Michael Hughes, Telford

Dave Jones, Greater London

Angus Menzies, Dorset

Alan Mullinger, Yorkshire

Tom Rawson, Scotland

Jason Rennie, Scotland

Olly Southgate, Cumbria

Jonah Tosney, Norfolk

Jon Traill, Yorkshire

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

The 'River Champions' will be recognised at the 2020 UK River Prize Awards Dinner on Wednesday 9th September 2020 at the virtual online celebration on Zoom software. RRC will also be showcasing the work of each 'River Champion' throughout the year on the RRC website.

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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