

2016 UK River Prize & Nigel Holmes Trophy Finalist

River Aller and Horner Water *Catchment-scale project*

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In 2009, in response to the recommendations of the Pitt Review of the summer 2007 floods, DEFRA commissioned three new Multi-Objective Flood Management Demonstration Projects. This included the Holnicote Project on the National Trust Holnicote Estate in West Somerset. The projects were tasked with generating evidence to demonstrate how working with natural processes, implementing a range of natural flood management (NFM) measures, and utilising a partnership approach, can contribute to reducing local flood risk while also producing a wide range of other benefits for the environment and communities.

The Holnicote project ran from 2009 to 2015 and the final project report was delivered in July of 2015. The works included multiple NFM interventions across the Aller and Horner Water catchments.

The intention is to continue and enhance the monitoring project over the next five years, whilst implementing additional NFM measures and interventions at a range of scales and types. In addition, through the Catchments in Trust program, the project will be expanded to achieve greater multiple benefits for water, people and wildlife by improving habitat quality and diversity, promoting water-friendly farming techniques, engaging with local communities and visitors, and enhancing access to rivers and wetlands.



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