



Finalists announced for the 2019 UK River Prize

The UK River Prize celebrates the achievements of those individuals and organisations working to improve our rivers and catchments, and recognises the benefits to society of having a healthy natural environment.

After much deliberation the judges selected the four finalists below. The overall 2019 UK River Prize winner will be presented with the Nigel Holmes Trophy at the Awards Dinner in Liverpool on the 30th April 2019.

The finalists for the 2019 UK River Prize are:

Finalist	Recognised for	Lead applicant
River Bulbourne <i>Hertfordshire</i>	Urban Communities Project	Environment Agency
River Nairn <i>Scottish Highlands</i>	Restoring Natural Processes	Aberarder Estate
New Forest Wetlands <i>Hampshire</i>	Catchment-Scale Project	Forestry Commission
River Otter <i>Devon</i>	Innovative Approach	Devon Wildlife Trust

The announcement of the overall 2019 UK River Prize winner and presentation will take place at the Awards Dinner on the 30th April at Britannia Adelphi Hotel in Liverpool. This runs in conjunction with the River Restoration Centre's Annual Network Conference which attracts over 300 delegates.

“The high standard of entries for this year’s UK River Prize has once again demonstrated the enthusiasm, passion and commitment of local partnerships, charities, volunteers and agencies, in working to restore their river for people and wildlife. On behalf of the judges, it is always a pleasure to read the detail of all the projects, and a real challenge to choose between them. I would like to thank all of this year’s applicants who submitted their excellent projects from across the UK.

The four finalists this year are spread between South West England and the Scottish Highlands, and highlight the range of river and floodplain challenges, approaches and benefits.”

Martin Janes, Managing Director, River Restoration Centre

“Arup is once again delighted to partner The UK River Prize in 2019. We work across the whole water cycle joining up ideas and thinking, working with partners and clients to seek best practice, innovation and pragmatic thinking, and we fully support the recognition that this prestigious award provides. We are looking forward to meeting this year’s finalists who we are sure will continue to raise the bar of the UK River Prize.”

Mark Fletcher, Global Water Leader, Arup

“We are delighted to be partnering and supporting this prestigious national award for a second consecutive year. This year’s impressive level of entries for the 2019 UK River Prize again reflects our ambition of restoring, maintaining and improving our rivers, catchments and the natural environment. South East Water is fully committed to supporting excellence and best practice in water management, which has clearly been demonstrated through the projects submitted by this year’s innovative and creative finalists.”

**Simon Lohrey, NEP Surface Water Catchment Management Lead,
South East Water**

Note to editors

The UK River Prize is administered by the River Restoration Centre and judged by a panel of experts.

Short videos will be submitted by all four finalists. These will be available to view on the River Restoration Centre’s website prior to the announcement on the 30th April 2019.

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