



# RRC Site Visit Series

## River Trent, Staffordshire Trent Valley

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Join us in Staffordshire to visit four urban restoration sites in Stoke-on-Trent. We will hear about partnership projects that helped win the 2023 UK River Prize, for the 'catchment-scale award'.



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## The Project

For 25 years Staffordshire Wildlife Trust and the Environment Agency worked with a host of partners to carry out over 100 river and floodplain restoration projects throughout the Trent River system in Staffordshire. The emphasis has been to design schemes that 'trigger' dynamic natural processes. For the RRC visit we aim to visit four of our urban restoration sites.



Site 1. Staffordshire University: a heavily engineered reach of the Trent was restored with split channels and backwaters and encouraged to connect with a wider area of the riparian zone.

Site 2. Victoria Ground: a visionary and ambitious scheme was completed at the site of the old Stoke City football ground. The River Trent was moved away from its concrete straight jacket and given a new, more naturalised course. The new channel also bypassed two weirs.

Sites 3 & 4. Weir Removals at Bucknall Park and Cromer Road: fish passage and the natural function of the River Trent through urban parts of Stoke was also enhanced through the removal of two further weirs at Bucknall Park and at Cromer Road.

## Information

This site visit is **FREE to RRC members** (£10 deposit to be refunded following attendance at site visit). If space is available, non-members are welcome to attend at a cost of £30. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. To book a place please complete a booking form at the [link here](#). Booking closes when all spaces are allocated.

- The visit will start at 10:00 and end by 15:00. This will include time for a packed lunch (not supplied).
- Meeting point: Staffordshire University outside the front of the Catalyst Building.  
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/TCnAQMTBrAiDfBFA9> N.B. This is a 6 minute walk from Stoke Train Station. Please come by public transport if you can.
- Walking boots or wellington boots and waterproof clothing are recommended
- Toilet facilities are available in the Catalyst Building and at Bucknall Park

[Watch the project video](#)