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## Finalists announced for the 2020 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 three finalists below. The 2020 UK River Prize winner will be presented with the Nigel Holmes Trophy at the Online RRC Awards Celebration on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

The finalists for the 2020 UK River Prize are:

Finalist	Recognised for	Lead applicant
<b>Afon Merin</b> <i>Ceridigion, Wales</i>	<i>Landscape-scale change to kick start natural river and floodplain processes in a managed forestry plantation</i>	Natural Resources Wales
<b>Allt Lorgy</b> <i>Highlands, Scotland</i>	<i>Removing constraints and working with this upland river to allow it to recover its dynamic shape and ecology</i>	Spey Catchment Initiative
<b>Rivers Test and Itchen</b> <i>Hampshire, England</i>	<i>Long term multi-project plan to restore the condition of these two iconic chalk rivers</i>	Environment Agency

The announcement of the 2020 UK River Prize winner and presentation will take place at the Online Awards Ceremony on the 9<sup>th</sup> September. 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 the freshwater landscape 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 three finalists this year come from Wales, Scotland and England, and showcase a range of habitats and ecology from upland rivers to lowland chalk streams.”*

**Martin Janes, Managing Director, River Restoration Centre**

*“Arup is once again delighted to partner The UK River Prize in 2020. We work across the whole water cycle joining up ideas and thinking, working with partners and clients to seek best practice in sustainability and innovation and we fully support the recognition that this prestigious award provides. We are looking forward to meeting this year’s finalists, virtually or face to face, who we are sure will continue to raise the bar of the UK River Prize.”*

**Mark Fletcher, Global Water Leader, Arup**

### **Note to editors**

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

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