

2021 UK River Prize Finalists announced

The River Restoration Centre (RRC) awards the UK River Prize to celebrate the achievements of those individuals and organisations working to restore our rivers and catchments, and recognises the benefits to society of having a healthy natural environment.

After much deliberation the judging panel selected two finalists for the 2021 UK River Prize:

River Keekle Restoration

Cumbria

Recognised for restoring natural processes to a plastic-lined river

Lead Applicant: West Cumbria Rivers Trust

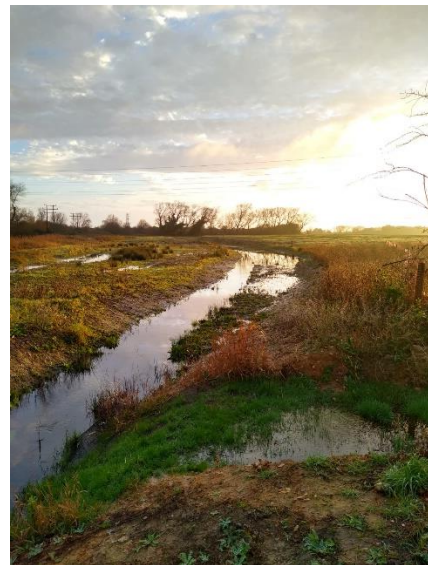


EPIC – Enhancing Places, Inspiring People

West Sussex

Recognised for Urban stream regeneration and community partnerships

Lead Applicant: Ouse & Adur Rivers Trust



The 2021 UK River Prize winner will be presented with the trophy at the Awards Dinner at the DoubleTree by Hilton Harrogate Majestic Hotel and online on 21st October 2021. This runs in conjunction with the River Restoration Centre's Annual Network Conference which attracts over 300 delegates.

“The global pandemic has put plans on hold, reduced the capacity of most organisations big and small and required adaptation to very different ways of working, and yet the call to protect and restore our rivers is stronger than ever. These two NGO-led projects demonstrate the value of long-term perseverance and determination, the desire to affect change and improve our river environments and the benefits that those actions bring.”

Martin Janes, Managing Director, River Restoration Centre

“After a couple of very unusual years, we were delighted to have a selection of entries to choose from. Both finalists overcame considerable constraints to achieve excellent results in very challenging situations”

Ann Skinner, UK River Prize judge

“Arup is delighted to continue to partner The UK River Prize in 2021. 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

“Atkins is proud to partner the UK River Prize 2021. Our commitment to improving the water environment goes back many years and we are delighted to sponsor this prestigious trophy. Our team looks forward to being able to meet many of you in person in Harrogate.”

Dr Kevin Skinner, Associate Director, Atkins

Note to editors

The UK River Prize is awarded by the River Restoration Centre and judged by a panel of experts. Previous winners and finalists can be viewed on the RRC website here – <https://www.therrc.co.uk/previous-winners>

Short videos will be submitted by the finalists. These will be available to view on the River Restoration Centre’s website prior to the announcement on 21st October 2021.

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Further information is available at <http://www.therrc.co.uk/uk-river-prize>

