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## 2022 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 recognising the benefits to society of having a healthy natural environment.

After much deliberation the judging panel selected four finalists:

### 2022 UK River Prize Finalists

**River Nar, Norfolk – ‘Castle Acre Common WEG project’**

Lead: Norfolk Rivers Internal Drainage Board

Partners: River Nar Restoration Group

**River Ribble, Yorkshire – ‘Ribble Life Together’**

Lead: Ribble Rivers Trust

Partners: Ribble Life Catchment Partnership

**Swindale Beck, Cumbria – ‘Swindale Valley Restoration Project’**

Lead: RSPB Haweswater

Partners: United Utilities, Environment Agency, Natural England

**Turkey Brook, London – ‘Albany Park River Restoration Project’**

Lead: Enfield Council

Partners: Environment Agency

The 2022 UK River Prize winner will be announced at the Awards Dinner at Chesford Grange Hotel, Kennilworth on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022. This runs in conjunction with the River Restoration Centre’s Annual Network Conference which attracts over 200 delegates.

*"This year's river prize entries covered a fascinating range of projects from catchment scale to reach scale, rural to urban. All had achieved amazing outcomes within challenging circumstances. As usual, it was difficult choosing between them, but all four finalists are great examples of excellent river restoration projects. Well done and keep them coming!"*

**Ann Skinner, UK River Prize judge and RRC Board**



*"Rivers are a hugely valuable part of our environment, yet they have been hidden and ignored for years. With the increasing awareness of linkages between health and green spaces, the public drive for healthy rivers and the acknowledgement of the commercial gains from nurturing our natural heritage is ever increasing.*

*Arup have sponsored the River Prize since its inception in 2014. We appreciate and recognise the valuable, but often un-sung, impact of healthy rivers on communities, biodiversity, and the economy. With the pandemic, the appreciation of Nature as a beneficial influence was highlighted. And now is a fantastic time to celebrate the creativity used in caring for our Rivers.*

*We believe that sustainability should be at the heart of what we do. And Rivers are often the overlooked golden thread that runs through our communities. They bring health, wellbeing, economic and natural stimulus."*

**Catherine Wenger, UK Water Business Leader, Arup**

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*"Atkins is proud to partner the UK River Prize 2022. 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 at Chesford Grange."*

**Dr Kevin Skinner, Associate Director, Atkins**

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## **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 films will be prepared by the finalists. These will be available to view on the River Restoration Centre's website prior to the announcement on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

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