Ribble meeting

Comment; Small waterbodies are easier to restore and improve ecological status rather than focussing on main river.

Comment; Projects which meet WFD objectives may also meet UK BAP targets and climate change adaptation requirements

Comment – The Douglas catchment needs to be included in Ribble boundary for its impact on bathing waters

Comment – Actions that make the removal of obsolete weirs permanent or more difficult to remove should not be promoted or supported,

Himalayan Balsam should be removed at the top of the Ribble primarily to prevent seeds spreading downstream. Good opportunity for communities to get involved.

Ops Delivery are about to publish a list on where we will carry out routine maintenance for the next 12 months. This could be contentious.

White clawed crayfish distribution and protection including invasive species control project.

Long Preston Deeps – current project

Daylighting Database – Richard Shirres has a database on existing culverts which are prioritised.

Moss sampling for cypermethrin (sheep parasite treatment) which we have detected on the River Loud, Stock Beck and Skirden Beck.

FCRM Schemes – include Cotton Tree, Colne Fulledge, Burnley Asset reconditioning.

Employ an invasive species liaison officer that sits within the Ribble catchment conservation officer. They could work on the location of invasive species and the cost of eradication.

RCCT/Fisheries ongoing project (habitat restoration) on Stock Beck.

River Don landslip – repopulate with trees on a CBHS and improve the drainage at the top of the slip.

Hesketh saltmarsh creation to create carbon storage/fish habitat and improve biodiversity.

Colne WwTw – reinstate AMP5 works on sewerage works

Habitat improvements at the bottom of the Ribble along Guild wheel cycle track - wet woodland/etc and ponds. This would be a good opportunity to get involved in Preston guild and would target WFD and BAP objectives.

Habergham Clough/Green Brook – WFD failure potentially being caused by slag heap. Part 2A needed for remediation?

South Fylde Drains – work with landowners and statkeholders to give land management advice including leaving buffer strips, farm cultivation, herbicide, ploughing to protect ecology and water quality. N.B This is an idea as the South Fylde Drains are a discreet system and should not be low priority.

Grip blocking and replanting on moorland at Cockden and Swinden needed.

River Calder at Altham Bridge has aluminium input caused by mine water. We have received many incidents relating to this.

River Tawd which is a trib of the Douglas has huge industrial estates and is heavily culverted. NIRs incidents from Pimbo and Gillibrand industrial estates. Manhole lifting and investigations required.

River Hyndburn u/s of the River Calder needs two weirs removing and the addition of a fish pass just d/s of Junction 7 M65.

The Douglas catchment needs to be included in the pilot area as there are a large number of combined sewer overflows and pumping stations along the river which could be contributing to WFD.

River Roddlesworth at Sappi Mill needs embankment stability works and diversion of leachate from historically deposited materials to foul or treatment scheme.

White Ash Brook coal mine – we need to work with the coal authority to make this mine more of a priority than it is currently.

Tarleton and Much Hoole have a large number of greenhouses which produce plant/vegetable runoff. There is also an issue with oil pollution incidents in this area which shows on NIRS.

Septic tanks are an issue in the Douglas and contributing to WFD

Industrial estates in the Douglas catchment e.g. Martland industrial estate has NIRS incidents running into the hundreds.

Waste to land around Plocks Farm and other nearby areas is impacting on WFD in the Douglas.

Hesketh Bank sewer is at capacity. If it 'spits' the CSOs go off. UU need to improve asset and via planning we need to ensure no more housing until resolved.