

## E-bulletin July 2012

### Special Edition - Funding Announcement

The eagle-eyed amongst you will have noticed that there was no e-bulletin in June 2012. The project team has had its hands full and were out on the ground dealing with several issues caused by the recent flooding that affected parts of the Ribble Catchment. However, we have received some great news for the catchment as a whole so read on!

There is also an opportunity to have your say on what you want to get done in the Ribble Catchment at our **Stakeholder Workshop on Friday 27 July 2012**. There are places still available and we are hoping for a good open session. More details below.

#### Catchment Restoration Funding (CRF) success

##### £1.4 million funding from DEFRA for the Ribble Catchment

The Ribble Rivers Trust has successfully **secured £1.4 million** of funding from DEFRA and the Environment Agency's Catchment Restoration Fund (CRF) for projects that aim to:

- restore more natural features in and around waters
- reduce the impact of man-made structures on the wildlife in waters and,
- reduce the impact of small, spread-out (diffuse) sources of pollution that arise from rural and urban land use.

**The projects were identified as a result of ongoing partnership development work being carried out under the Ribble Life pilot. The pilot has brought together partners with overlapping objectives to tackle some of the key issues facing the Ribble Catchment.**

#### Limestone Ribble

This project seeks to address the poor habitat and drainage of the upland moors that form the headwaters and upper part of the Ribble Catchment.

Activities will include increasing the amount of riverside woodland and management of drainage on peat moorlands, as well as working with local communities to become actively involved in river restoration work.



Key partners include: [Yorkshire Dales National Park](#), [Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust](#), [The Woodland Trust](#), [Craven Conservation Group](#) and local angling clubs.

## Diffusing the Issue in Rural Ribble

Within the Upper Ribble and Hodder sub-catchments, several streams have been identified as suffering from the effects of diffuse pollution. In rural areas of the Ribble catchment, diffuse pollution comes from a range of land use activities.

The project aims to tackle diffuse pollution across five priority waterbodies by undertaking pinpoint plans (or farm advisory visits) and delivering practical improvements identified within the plans including riparian habitat schemes.



Key partners include: [RSPB](#), [NFU](#), [Myerscough College](#), [Forest of Bowland AONB](#) and the [Forestry Commission](#).

## Colne Water Catchment Restoration

Colne Water is situated in the predominantly urban Calder sub-catchment and contains 5 priority waterbodies that are failing to meet Good Ecological Status (GES) under the Water Framework Directive (WFD).

The project will look to encourage local groups and residents to clean up their local rivers by tackling pollution, restoring wildlife habitats and reconnecting habitats.



Key partners include: [Pendle Borough Council](#), [The Wild Trout Trust](#), [Colne Water Anglers](#) and a number of local Friends of groups.

## STAKEHOLDER EXCHANGE workshop

To support the development and successful implementation of a [SHARED Catchment Action Plan](#) for the Ribble we are holding a Stakeholder Exchange on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2012 from 10.00am – 4.00pm at Gazegill Organics Farm, Rimington, near Clitheroe.**

**For more details and to reserve a place please contact** Jo Spencer, Ribble Life Community Engagement Officer on 01200 444452 or by email at [ribblelife@ribbletrust.com](mailto:ribblelife@ribbletrust.com). You can also visit our website at [www.ribblelife.org](http://www.ribblelife.org)