



Don Catchment Rivers Trust
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Newsletter

What we have been up to.....A brief report on our activities

Hadfield Weir

Chris and David signed the contracts on 12 July for work to begin on Hadfield weir on 21st August. The hard work that both David and Chris have put in to actually get this project underway has finally paid off.



The site compound is at the Oasis entrance to Meadowhall and has this snazzy interpretation to explain what's happening there. The work is scheduled to last for 8 weeks and we will be filming strategic parts of the works and uploading them to the website along with photographs so keep an eye out for that.



Dearne & Knoll Beck

We were unsuccessful in our bid for CRF money for the Dearne & Knoll Beck project but it will be considered for the next round, so all is not lost. On a more positive note, we had some great news from the Environment Agency. They are going to fund the feasibility part of the project from the Environment Programme to the tune of £35k.



Eels in Schools

We are looking at running the Eels in Schools project starting next year. We hope to have 6 schools around the Dearne Valley initially that will be receptive to having a tank with several hundred glass eels for 8 weeks. The schools take care of them giving the children the opportunity to see these elusive creatures up close, learn about their lifecycle and then each child will release a hundred or so eels in to the wetlands in their local area.

Loxley Weirs

We carried out a visit with Paul Gaskell of the **Wild Trout Trust** to the weirs on the Loxley looking at possible solutions for fish passage. We are also in touch with an archaeologist from **Brigantia Archaeology Practice** who is giving us some advice on the heritage issues, for instance one of the weirs is listed as a Scheduled Ancient Monument which brings a whole lot more paperwork to the table. By engaging Brigantia we hope to find some common ground with planners, English Heritage etc to make this project a success.

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Crayfish Study

Chris Arthur of Lancaster University has carried out his Masters research on insights into the status of Signal Crayfish in the Don Catchment. His findings can be read on our website at <http://www.dcrct.org.uk/archives/808>

Website

Don't forget to check out our website at www.dcrct.org.uk There will be changes periodically and we will always share our news on the website, so please check back frequently! We also have a Facebook page and a Twitter account (@DonCatchmentRT) for those of you who use social networking sites. It's a good way for us to share information and gives us a wider audience.

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If you have any comments, want to find out more about the Trust or to come and join us, please contact our secretary Ed Shaw - ed.shaw@dcrct.org.uk