



Don Catchment Rivers Trust
Working to protect and restore your rivers

Newsletter

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

Hadfield Weir

We've built our first fish pass! There have been delays and problems on this project for one reason and another but Chris Hanley and his team at **A. Torn Construction** have worked hard to get the project finished and **Meadowhall** and **British Land** have been most helpful in extending the finish date and allowing us to complete the work before Meadowhall's Christmas set up got underway at the end of October. There is a ladder to be fitted in the New Year and the sandbags at the top of the weir to be removed.

There are photos and video of the progress on the fish pass on our website, Flickr and Facebook! (Look for DonCatchment)



Completed and working!



Looking up the fish pass at the walls and the baffles



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Cudworth Dyke

We have been part of a working group (part of the Don Network) looking at restoration on Cudworth Dyke in Barnsley. There are several partners involved and we hope to be doing some improvement work in the future with Yorkshire Water.

Loxley Weirs

We are awaiting the archaeology report from Brigantia and the access survey has been carried out, we have also had some modelling from the EA. We will be appointing consultants in the near future to carry out the feasibility study

Salmon in the Don



Ian Hurst passed on details and a picture of a 9lb 4oz salmon caught on the River Don at Kilnhurst. Leigh Wordsworth caught the fish which was landed by Paul Taylor but not before he spent an hour trying to get it landed. After the high rainfall, the river on 23rd Sept was obviously high enough for the salmon to get over Sprotbrough weir. (N.B. The salmon was caught with a pink float on a 3½ lb line)

Riverlution Festival



DCRT had a stall along with Yorkshire Wildlife Trust at the first Riverlution Festival on 22 & 23 Sept. Riverlution is about connecting people in Sheffield who care about their waterways. The Festival was held at Nursery Street in Sheffield and celebrated the opening of the pocket park there and included a raft race. We provided pictures of invertebrates for the kids to colour in and had badge making along with YWT

We collected some invertebrates from the Don at Blonk St and invited people to take a look and try and identify them from some ID guides. Most people were surprised that there was anything at all living in the river – a sign of the misconception that our rivers are still dirty, lifeless places still persists.





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PlantTracker

If you have a smart phone then this is the app for you! It's a great way for you to record any invasive plants that you see when you're out and about. The app allows you to take a photo and it can get the location using the GPS on your phone. <http://planttracker.naturelocator.org/>

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 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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