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# Newsletter

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

### It's official!

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2013 Mr Steve Hustler, Facilities Director of Meadowhall Shopping Centre, officially opened the new multi-species fish and eel pass on the River Don at Hadfields Weir, Meadowhall.

Mr Hustler said he was pleased that British Land and Meadowhall were part of the project and commented on the amount of attention that the fishpass and the interpretation board attracted from passing shoppers and users of the Five Weirs Walk.



Chris Firth MBE, trustee and director of DCRT said a few words before everyone retired to the Management Suite for a buffet that was kindly laid on by Meadowhall Shopping Centre.



For further coverage of the opening see the following links: [BBC Website](#) & [Star](#) for news articles & [Radio Sheffield interview](#) with David Rowley, Chairman of DCRT (The interview starts at 2hrs 34mins)



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## Bolton upon Dearne Eel Pass

Finally we have the eel pass at Bolton installed. It's taken a long time but we eventually had a good weather window which allowed ACE Ltd to complete the installation. As you can see from the picture, this one is a bristle type eel pass as opposed to the plastic one on Hadfield Weir. This kind of pass was the one most suitable for the location



Photo credit: Jim Horsfall

## Electrofishing Training

With the grant we received from The Big Lottery Fund 'Awards for All' we have been able to train 12 members of the Revival partnership to use the electrofishing kit that we also bought. We spent a day in the classroom and a day on Hooton Brook where we caught brown trout, perch, roach, chub, bullheads and almost had an eel!

This training and kit will enable a wider range of organisations to carry out surveys as we have a bank of people to call on, not just paid staff but volunteers too. We trained people from Doncaster & District Anglers, Doncaster Naturalists, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, Canal & Rivers Trust, Doncaster Council and of course, DCRT





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## Loxley Weirs

We have the feasibility report from Arup detailing the options to achieve fish passage over the weirs on the Loxley. The next stage is to meet with interested parties and carry on discussions about the way forward on the Loxley. The report will be available on our website soon.

## Dearne Connectivity



We have the feasibility report from Fishtek detailing options on the River Dearne & Knoll Beck for habitat improvement and fish passage. As with the Loxley, the next stage is to meet with interested parties and stakeholders to discuss how we move forward with this project



## River Restoration Centre Conference 2013

DCRT achieved a wider audience when Karen Eynon spoke at the RRC conference this year in Northampton. **'River Restoration in an industrial catchment: experiences from the Don.'** There were around 300 people at the conference, with up to 100 attending the workshop where Karen was speaking. The talk was well received and the profile of DCRT has been raised. Thanks are due to Pete Worrall and Ed Shaw for the initial ideas and abstract.

## Website

Don't forget to check out our website at [www.dcr.org.uk](http://www.dcr.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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