

P56 River Derwent awareness and improvements

Theme(s):	B: Improve people's understanding of rivers, catchments, weather extremes and climate change. Increase community participation in monitoring change and taking action to improve and protect water environments.
Goal(s):	B3: Engage widely to educate about river issues and encourage positive behavioural change. B5: Carry out research and monitoring, and collect and make available relevant data.
Sub-goal(s):	B5b: Adopt evidence-based solutions and management techniques.

Work with local Brownie and Guide groups to raise awareness of water catchment issues and environmental quality at the River Derwent between Allensford and Shotley Bridge. Explore potential actions to improve water quality and to improve the area for amenity and recreational use. Educate local residents in water catchment issues and ways of using water more efficiently, reducing littering and examining the impacts of flooding. Delivery via a series of engagement/education events with Brownies/Guides and the local community and via a range of site-based activities to improve the area.

Update as at April 2013: A group of organisations met in March, and will meet again in April 2013, to explore the possibility of putting together a bid for funding from a number of sources to deliver a programme of awareness raising and engagement projects targeted at improving understanding and protection of the rivers in the Tyne catchment.

Project Status:	Proposed
Potential Deliverer(s):	Brownies/Guides, Durham County Council, Local Community Partnership, Heart Land Design, residents
Estimated Timeframe:	1 to 5 years
Estimated Project Cost:	£5,000 to £25,000
Potential Funding Source(s):	Awards for All, Catchment Restoration Fund
Water Framework Directive link:	Multiple failures on the Derwent including fish, macrophytes, phytobenthos and chemical failures