

Tyne Catchment Partnership past, present and future

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2012: Tyne Catchment Pilot

Why create another plan for the Tyne?

There have been lots of plans to improve the Tyne before this one. They haven't always engaged people very well, so they haven't always delivered what they intended.

Our water environment is important to our quality of life. We need to protect and enhance rivers as **systems** which means thinking about them **source to estuary**, and all the places in between. In other words, we need to think at a **catchment** scale.

There are lots of great things about the Tyne catchment which we want to keep. That takes **conservation** and planning for **future impacts** and **extreme weather** events. And there are some things we want to make better. That takes **change**.

That's what this Plan is all about.

Tyne Rivers Trust could never have created a plan this ambitious on its own. Our grateful thanks to:

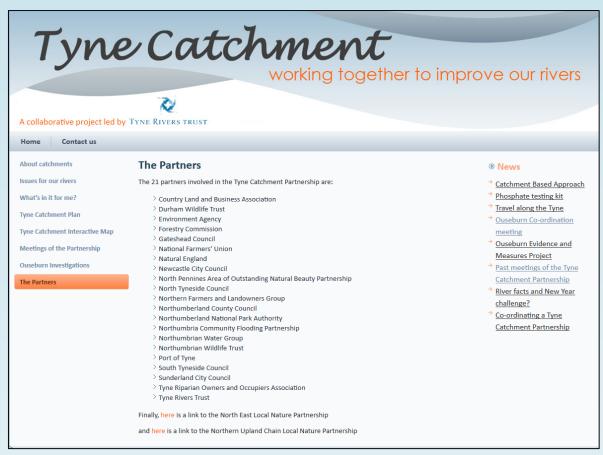
- Defra for funding this project
- the Strategy Group organisations that have given their time to guide and develop this
 Plan: the Country Land & Business Association, the Environment Agency, the Forestry
 Commission, Gateshead Council, Groundwork North East, Natural England,
 Newcastle City Council, the National Farmers Union, the Northern Farmers and
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 Park, Northumbrian Water and Port of Tyne
- the 218 people who responded to our survey in May and June 2012 your knowledge
 of your local rivers is invaluable
- the 54 community groups, agencies and organisations that attended our drop-in session in October 2012 and proposed projects for this Plan
- the people who commented on the draft of this Plan and helped us make it better.

- Collaborative and stakeholder-led
- Inclusive: based on surveys, drop-in sessions
- Guided by a multistakeholder Steering Group
- Ambitious
- Not prioritised or fully costed



2013 to present: Tyne Catchment Partnership

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- 21 partners
- 4 meetings per year including site visits (Howdon STW, Blaydon Burn, Brunton Park FAS)



2013 to present

Achievements to date	Outputs
Ouseburn Evidence & Measures project	Consensus on the causes of P failure (WFD) in the Ouseburn catchment and measures to address them
	Task and finish groups to implement measures
	Ouseburn Restoration Project to include measures
	Influencing the planning process
ID current work / projects in the catchment	Prioritising issues and identifying gaps
Input to EA's MTP	Projects included in Medium Term Plan
Sharing of knowledge / data / information / expertise	Data exchange, partners developing joint projects with multiple outcomes, 'catchment' thinking
Brings water environment up the local agenda	Very good attendance from local authorities, representation on LNPs
Cross-catchment working	Coastal Group (with Northumberland CP), Headwaters Group (with Tees CP and Wear CP)

What works?

- Getting together and building relationships
- Information, knowledge and data exchange is very valuable
- Identifying shared priorities and working together to deliver more



The future

- Developing an Action Plan to identify and focus on what needs to be delivered (< 18 months, >18 months to 10 years)
- More informative and interactive website?
- River Don project multi-stakeholder, Evidence & Measures, misconnections, SuDS and flood alleviation
- Implementing Ouseburn measures and influencing the planning process; Ouseburn Landscape Partnership?



The challenges

- Funding: the Partnership and Partners
- Competing pressures: on the water environment and Partners
- 'Hot topics' e.g. climate change and flooding can the Partnership lead on whole of catchment flood management planning?
- Effective links to other initiatives and opportunities, e.g. LNPs
- Embedding the Partnership in large and complex organisations