

Tyne Rivers Trust



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 Landowners Group**, **Northumberland County Council**, **Northumberland National 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 multi-stakeholder Steering Group
- Ambitious
- Not prioritised or fully costed

2013 to present: Tyne Catchment Partnership

www.tynecatchment.org

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Tyne Catchment Partnership website. The header features the title "Tyne Catchment" in a large, dark blue, cursive font, with the tagline "working together to improve our rivers" in a smaller, orange, sans-serif font below it. A small logo of a river and trees is positioned to the left of the tagline. Below the header, a navigation bar includes "Home" and "Contact us". The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column contains a list of links: "About catchments", "Issues for our rivers", "What's in it for me?", "Tyne Catchment Plan", "Tyne Catchment Interactive Map", "Meetings of the Partnership", "Ouseburn Investigations", and "The Partners" (which is highlighted with an orange background). The middle column is titled "The Partners" and lists 21 partners involved in the partnership, each preceded by a right-pointing chevron. The right column is titled "News" and lists several recent updates, each preceded by a right-pointing chevron. At the bottom of the page, there are two lines of text: "Finally, [here](#) is a link to the North East Local Nature Partnership" and "and [here](#) is a link to the Northern Upland Chain Local Nature Partnership".

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A collaborative project led by TYNE RIVERS TRUST

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The Partners
The 21 partners involved in the Tyne Catchment Partnership are:

- > Country Land and Business Association
- > Durham Wildlife Trust
- > Environment Agency
- > Forestry Commission
- > Gateshead Council
- > National Farmers' Union
- > Natural England
- > Newcastle City Council
- > North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership
- > North Tyneside Council
- > Northern Farmers and Landowners Group
- > Northumberland County Council
- > Northumberland National Park Authority
- > Northumbria Community Flooding Partnership
- > Northumbrian Water Group
- > Northumbrian Wildlife Trust
- > Port of Tyne
- > South Tyneside Council
- > Sunderland City Council
- > Tyne Riparian Owners and Occupiers Association
- > Tyne Rivers Trust

News

- [Catchment Based Approach](#)
- [Phosphate testing kit](#)
- [Travel along the Tyne](#)
- [Ouseburn Co-ordination meeting](#)
- [Ouseburn Evidence and Measures Project](#)
- [Past meetings of the Tyne Catchment Partnership](#)
- [River facts and New Year challenge?](#)
- [Co-ordinating a 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