

It's our business to improve and manage the catchment.....make it your business too

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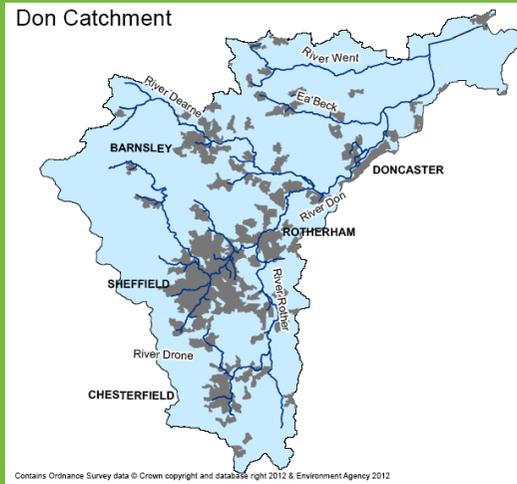
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The Don Catchment Rivers Trust is an environmental charity (Charity no.,1134414, Company no 06618848) established in 2005 to secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of the rivers, streams, watercourses and water in the Don Catchment

Did you know.....?

The Don Catchment doesn't just include the main River Don, it also includes the Rother, Dearne, Loxley, Rivelin, Sheaf, Porter Brook, Dove, Went, and many other little streams and rivers that run through your neighbourhood



Our rivers are a valuable asset which tell the story of our culture and heritage. They are important for people, wildlife and the local economy, and form an integral part of our landscape.

Did you know....?

70% of our drinking water comes from the upland part of our rivers



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Working to protect and restore your rivers

'The hand of man and the neglect of our ancestors have deprived us of a river which must have been a vision of glittering beauty'

Ernst Phillips 1921

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Why do we need to take action?

Throughout the industrial revolution South Yorkshire's rivers were heavily engineered by straightening channels and building weirs to meet the water requirements of industry. As a consequence the rivers became heavily polluted and thus devoid of life. The Don had the unfortunate honour of being among the most polluted in Europe.

In recent decades these rivers have been much improved but there is still a long way to go to recover from this extensive industrial activity. In particular, there are issues of fish passage with weirs holding back the flows on rivers and streams across the area.



A weir on the Rivelin left over from its industrial past

What can we do?

The Trust has committed itself to working with other agencies and identifying funding streams in order to carry on the works that have been done previously. This includes:

- installation of fish passes
- restocking of young eels (elvers)
- installation of eel passes
- installation of eel friendly valves on drain outlets
- remeandering straightened stretches of river
- removal of weirs where possible
- control of invasive species
- education
- habitat management
- removal of stream litter



Young eel or elver

How you can help

If you're interested in joining the trust or finding out about what the trust is doing you can contact us on:

info@dcr.org.uk

You will receive invitations to our meetings and will be sent our regular newsletters.

Membership of the trust is free, we only want your enthusiasm and support.

Alternatively, you can be our eyes and ears, helping us gather intelligence in what is happening in the Don Catchment. This is especially important with the issue of invasive species, as the sooner they are spotted, the quicker and more easily they can be dealt with. Visit our website

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to find out more about which species you can help us identify and control