



**Don Catchment Rivers Trust**  
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# Newsletter

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

Happy New Year to all, here's a round-up of the last news of 2012 and a look forward for 2013.....

### Award for David & Chris

David Rowley and Chris Firth won an award for contribution to Fisheries and the Environment at the **Rivers Trust Autumn Conference** in Newcastle.



The award recognises all the hard work and effort that David and Chris have put in to the Rivers Trust over the years especially their recent work on the River Don in securing a large pot of money to build the fish pass at Meadowhall. They worked tirelessly for over 2 years to make the project work when most others would have given up in the face of adversity. They were awarded with a cheque for £1000 and a Rivers Trust Lindean Mill vase.



### Loxley Weirs

DCRT have appointed Arup to carry out a feasibility study into fish passage over the weirs on the River Loxley. The study will be completed by the end of March 2013. Part of the feasibility is to hold a meeting with interested stakeholders. Once we have the final report we will be able to determine the way forward in facilitating fish passage in the Loxley.

### Bolton on Dearne Eel Pass

We have appointed Aquatic Control Engineering to install an eel pass on the weir at Bolton. They will carry out the works as soon as the water levels have dropped enough.



### Eels in Schools

We are looking forward to working in partnership with Dearne Valley NIA and Yorkshire Wildlife Trust to deliver the Eels in Schools project. The escapement at Denaby Ings will be improved as a result of this partnership.



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## Floating Pennywort

A report from Rivelin Valley Conservation Group (RVCG) in December to our Secretary, Ed Shaw about a stand of FP at Hind Wheel Dam on the Rivelin has highlighted the importance of timely reporting. We informed the Environment Agency and others who are part of the FP Forum and they took action fairly rapidly. This occurrence is a good 15km upstream of where we know the FP is at the moment, so this kind of information is vital if we want to eradicate FP in the Don Catchment.



## Dearne Connectivity

We have also appointed Fishtek to carry out a feasibility study in to the Dearne Connectivity project which aims to remove a small weir, construct a fish pass on another weir, install groynes on approx. 500m of the river and remainder around 1000m of Knoll Beck. This report is also due to us at the end of March.

## 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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