

The Rivers Trust Autumn Seminar 2014

Collaborative catchment management - building a resilient ecosystem

26th & 27th November 2014

Leziate lakeview Park, Kings Lynn, Norfolk, PE32 1EN

Hosted by Norfolk Rivers Trust in partnership with the WaterCAP Taskforce Project

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| 09:00 – 09:30 | Arrival, registration & coffee |
| Session 1 – Chair David Diggins, Norfolk Rivers Trust | |
| 09:30 – 09:40 | Welcome and Introductions – David Diggins, Director, Norfolk Rivers Trust |
| Shared challenges for water management in the North Sea Region - The WaterCap Taskforce project | |
| 9:40 – 10:30 | Introduction to the WaterCap Taskforce project - Rolf J, WaterCAP TASKFORCE Project Manager (15 mins), <i>Case studies from the WaterCAP Partners (10 mins each):</i> Alleviating the impacts of low flow and drought - Rinke van Veen, Province Drenthe, Netherlands Irene Asta Wiborg, Knowledge Centre for Agriculture, Denmark: <i>Water management governance – the need for a bottom up approach</i> Dr Frank Ahlhorn, Germany: <i>understanding the risks of saltwater intrusion</i> <i>Others?</i> |
| Community led River Restoration | |
| 10:30 – 10:50 | The Nine Chalk Rivers Project – Jonah Tosney, Project Officer, Norfolk Rivers Trust |
| 10:50 – 11:00 | Questions |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Tea & Coffee Break |
| Session 2 – Chair, Sarah Rodgers, Royal Haskoning DHV | |
| Community led River Restoration continued | |
| 11:30 – 11:45 | The Defra River Improvement Fund – Martin Harmer, Project Manager, The Rivers Trust |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | Working with landowners in River Restoration - Peter King, Project Officer, Ouse & Adur Rivers Trust |
| Catchment based solutions for securing water quality | |

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| 12:00 – 12:15 | United Utilities catchment pilot project “Ellenwise” - Rosie Law, Project Officer, West Cumbria Rivers Trust |
| 12:15 – 12:30 | Catchment Management and the role of the ethical broker - Dr Laurence Couldrick, Development and Policy Director, Westcountry Rivers Trust |
| 12:30 – 12:45 | Lessons learnt from three years of high-frequency monitoring from the Demonstration Test Catchments – Faye Outram, Senior Research Associate, Wensum Demonstration Test Catchment project, University of East Anglia. |
| 12:45 – 13:00 | Questions |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch |
| Session 3 – Chair, Alistair Maltby, The Rivers Trust | |
| Catchment based solutions for securing water availability | |
| 14:00 – 14:15 | Holistic water management in Suffolk, The River Deben project – Paul Bradford, project consultant |
| 14:15 – 14:30 | Managing water demand in the River Kennet – Charlotte Hitchmough, Action for the River Kennet |
| 14:30 – 14:45 | Managing ground water supplies in Denmark – Rolf Johnsen, Central Denmark Region |
| 14:45 – 15:00 | Managing water resources in the Anglian Region - Anglian Water |
| 15:00 – 15:15 | Questions |
| 15:15 – 15:45 | Tea & Coffee Break |
| Session 4 – Chair, Barry Bendall, The Rivers Trust | |
| Managing the risks of flood and drought | |
| 15:45 – 16:00 | Understanding your catchments for flood risk management purposes – a Lead Local Flood Authority approach - Graham Brown, Flood & Water Manager, Norfolk County Council |
| 16:00 – 16:15 | Slowing the flow through natural catchment features in the River Eden – Lucy Butler, The Rivers Trust |
| 16:15 – 16:30 | MaRIUS: Managing the Risks, Impacts and Uncertainties of droughts and water Scarcity - Dr Helen Gavin, MaRIUS Project Manager, University of Oxford |
| 16:30 – 16:40 | Questions |
| 16:45 – 17:15 | Soap box session - Second cycle River Basin Management Plans – how far have we come since cycle 1? Introduced by Kathy Hughes, WWF |
| 17:15 – 17:30 | Closing address – Arlin Rickard, CEO, The Rivers Trust |

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| 17:30 | Bar Open |
| 19:30 | Dinner at Leziate Lakeview |

Thursday 27th November: 09:00 – 13:00

River restoration: site visits to the River Nar

We will visit a major restoration project currently underway by Eden Rivers Trust to reverse historic straightening and widening on the River Leith near Penrith, returning it to a more natural state. The project, a partnership scheme with the Environment Agency, Natural England, tenant farmer and landowner is part of the River Eden River Restoration Project. The river's original channel is being excavated to reinstate a more natural gradient with meanders and greater diversity of flows and habitat. The first phase of the excavation is complete and it is planned to divert the river into its new channel this summer.



*Creating the new channel
for the River Leith, near
Penrith*