

UK Rivers Network

UK Rivers Network: Weekly News Update – 9 June 2025

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River news

7 June 2025: [SAS People versus Plastics Protest](#): A date for your diary: Surfers Against Sewage is coordinating a series of protests and positive actions against plastic pollution on Saturday 19 July.

5 June 2025: [How we can make water from sewage](#): Making clean water from treated wastewater more efficiently is the future, and here's how it's being done in California.

5 June 2025: [Irish anglers beware of Pacific pink salmon](#): Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) is asking anglers to report sightings of the invasive Pacific salmon, which threatens native salmon and sea trout.

5 June 2025: [Drought still threatens despite recent rain](#): It's been the "driest March, April and May since 1893" according to the National Drought Group, meeting again this week, and keeping a beady eye on the weather.

5 June 2025: [Water boss bonuses banned](#): Good news that bosses at six big water firms won't be collecting bonuses, but they'll stick be picking up fat-cat salaries, and it may be largely a cosmetic/PR gesture.

5 June 2025: [In defence of the water industry's privatisation](#): We love to bring you a diversity of reviews, so here's Emma Revell, writing in Conservative Home, offering a dubious defence of market forces.

4 June 2025: [River Breamish unleashed!](#): After centuries trapped in an artificial "straitjacket", the River Breamish at Harehope in Northumberland will be allowed to return to a naturally meandering form.

4 June 2025: [Eel project sees nearly 23,000 released into river](#): Around 23,000 glass eels have been transferred from the River Severn into the chalk stream Kennet in Berkshire for a research project to see if their numbers can be increased.

4 June 2025: [Beaver back to Wales](#): The BBC offers a tantalizing clip of a beaver "wild swimming" in Wales.

4 June 2025: [How rivers are worsening climate change](#): Not their fault, of course, but new research shows how stored carbon is returning to the atmosphere via rivers.

3 June 2025: [Damning review of the failing water industry](#): The independent Water Commission has largely stated the obvious in a damning review of our utterly broken water system, citing "deep-rooted, systemic and interlocking failures over the years".

3 June 2025: [Water Commission review neglects](#): The independent Water Commission's new report neglects the vital importance of small water bodies, such as ponds, according to the Freshwater Habitats Trust.

3 June 2025: [Straitgate victory celebrated](#): A short BBC summary of the determined East Devon campaign to see off Straitgate Quarry, which was a 20-year+ battle, not a "10-year battle" as reported here.

1 June 2025: [Muddy saltmarshes have vital climate role](#): Saltmarshes are net 'sinks' of carbon dioxide, according to pioneering research led by the UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (UKCEH) using data collected from the Ribble Estuary in Lancashire.

1 June 2025: [Intrepid volunteers help the River Soar to soar!](#): Well done to paddling pollution busters in Leicestershire who pulled 60 bags of trash from Leicestershire's River Soar as part of the 2025 Big Paddle Cleanup.

Jobs and other opportunities

The closing dates for jobs are in brackets.

Jobs

- [Wessex Rivers Trust: Project Officer](#) (9 June 2025)
- [Education and Engagement Officer, South East Rivers Trust](#) (8 June 2025)
- [Wessex Rivers Trust: Engagement Officer](#) (3 June 2025)
- [Shropshire Wildlife Trust: Severn & Wye Nature Programme Manager](#) (2 June 2025)
- [Sussex Wildlife Trust: Wilder Ouse Officer](#) (2 June 2025)
- [Wiltshire Wildlife Trust: Head of Nature Recovery \(Maternity Cover\)](#) (2 June 2025)
- [South East Rivers Trust: Senior Catchment Officer \(Wandle and Darent\)](#) (1 June 2025)
- [Business & Corporate Engagement Partner, Canal and River Trust](#) (1 June 2025)
- [River Action: Campaign analyst](#) (28 May 2025)
- [Wessex Rivers Trust: Trust Administrator](#) (27 May 2025)
- [West Cumbria Rivers Trust: Assistant Project Officer](#) (27 May 2025)

- [Trust Manager/Senior Biologist: Lochaber Fisheries Trust](#) (23 May 2025)
- [General Administrator, South East Rivers Trust](#) (11 May 2025)

Trustees and other voluntary posts

- [Trustees: Sussex Wildlife Trust](#) (20 June 2025)
- [Trustees: River Waveney Trust](#) (12 June 2025)
- [Chair of Trustees: Wild Trout Trust](#) (30 May 2025)

Campaign of the week

Protecting Wild Waters: **Surfers Against Sewage (SAS)** are ramping up calls for more designated inland bathing waters, with a very ambitious target of 200 by 2030 (compared to the 15 presently designated).

Find out more → <https://protectingwildwaters.org.uk/>

River of the Week

A river dear to our hearts! It's the River Teign at Ventiford, Teigngrace, Devon – a river that wouldn't look anything like this but for determined community action against the expansion of nearby Southacre Quarry in 1997.



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