

UK Rivers Network

UK Rivers Network: Weekly News Update –11/8/25

River news

August 2025

- ➔ 8 August 2025: [Human connection to nature has declined 60% in 200 years, study finds](#): Miles Richardson, a professor at Derby University, reports findings of his latest research.
- ➔ 8 August 2025: [Hector smashes it!](#): Backed by Surfers Against Sewage, and backing their campaign for clean water, Olympian Hector Pardoe has swum Loch Lomond, Windermere and Llyn Tegid in under 24 hours to help fight the sewage scandal.
- ➔ 8 August 2025: [Duchess of Cocklemoor back on the water!](#): A Somerset community boat targeted by vandals has been repaired and refloated with "overwhelming" support from donations.
- ➔ 8 August 2025: [20% of river improvement cash will go straight to private investors](#): The I is first off with the next river scandal: some £22 million of the £104 billion proposed for river investment by the government last month "will go to private investors, not cleaning up rivers".
- ➔ 8 August 2025: [Eely good news in the South Downs National Park](#): Western Sussex Rivers Trust and the South Downs National Park Authority are making new lanes to improve eel migration to the Sargasso Sea.
- ➔ 8 August 2025: [Corporate capture of the Plastics Treaty?](#): The Independent reports on concerns that petrochemical lobbyists are working hard to undermine the proposed global plastics agreement in Geneva.
- ➔ 8 August 2025: [Greenpeace report exposes petrochemical giants' campaign to derail Global Plastics Treaty](#): More on that story. Alexandra Sedgwick explains how plastic vested interests are conspiring against efforts to make the industry more environmentally friendly.

- ➔ 7 August 2025: [Don't forget anglers, Shropshire MP tells minister in charge of rivers](#): Water reforms need to ensure Britain's four million anglers are fully engaged in changes to how the industry is regulated.
- ➔ 7 August 2025: [Test Valley embraces river rights](#): Hampshire councillor Geoff Cooper reports on how Test Valley Borough Council (Romsey and the surrounding area) became engaged with the Rights of Rivers campaign.
- ➔ 7 August 2025: [Tyne River Trust gets boost for river education](#): Meanwhile, up north, Tyne Tunnel Operator TT2 has donated £20,000 to the Trust's educational programme so more children understand their river and why it matters.
- ➔ 7 August 2025: [Buglife tells Google to search for a new data centre](#): Google's "sprawling" plans for a new data centre in Thurrock are "putting the future of its nationally important invertebrate populations at risk".
- ➔ 6 August 2025: [Water monitors installed to track river pollution](#): Why Northumbria Water is installing nearly 400 water monitors in Northumberland and North Yorkshire over the next four years.
- ➔ 3 August 2025: [New storm tunnel will improve the River Ribble](#): Read all about a multi-million pound project to improve stormwater storage (equivalent to 26,000 bath tubs of water) on the Ribble.
- ➔ 3 August 2025: [Magic boom boat monitors fish under cover of darkness](#): An interesting article about the Environment Agency's "Thames Trout" electro-fishing boat, and how it's monitoring thousands of fish on the river this summer.
- ➔ 1 August 2025: [Are cattle *really* the enemy?](#): A great article from Penny Williams of the Freshwater Habitats Trust challenges the standard four-legs-bad line on cattle grazing: "People often assume that ponds should be fenced off from livestock and other grazing animals like deer. But when used appropriately, grazing can create and maintain the short vegetation and open, muddy conditions that many freshwater species need to thrive".

Jobs and other opportunities

The closing dates for jobs are in brackets.

Jobs

- ➔ [Afonydd Cymru: Programme Lead for Wales](#) (31 August 2025)
- ➔ [Trent Rivers Trust: Landscape Recovery Manager](#) (26 August 2025)

- [Marine Conservation Society: Programme Manager - Sustainable Seafood](#) (24 August 2025)
- [Essex and Suffolk Rivers Trust: Bluespaces Delivery Manager](#) (24 August 2025)
- [Westcountry Rivers Trust: Evidence and Engagement Officers](#) (24 August 2025)
- [Newmarket Chalk Streams Trust: Rivers of Light Project Officer](#) (23 August 2025)
- [Tyne Rivers Trust: Catchment Habitats Advisor](#) (22 August 2025)
- [Trent Rivers Trust: Two Fisheries Trainees](#) (26 August 2025)
- [Western Sussex Rivers Trust: Catchment Partnership Project Delivery Manager](#) (18 August 2025)
- [Welsh Dee Trust: Project Officer](#) (18 August 2025)
- [South East Rivers Trust: Programme Manager](#) (17 August 2025)
- [Gwent Wildlife Trust: Senior River Restoration Officer](#) (17 August 2025)
- [West Cumbria Rivers Trust: Farming Officer](#) (14 August 2025)
- [Wear Rivers Trust: SuDS+ Monitoring Support Officer](#) (10 August 2025)
- [South East Rivers Trust: Project Officer](#) (10 August 2025)
- [Devon Wildlife Trust: Beaver Habitat Restoration Officer](#) (10 August 2025)
- [Northumberland Wildlife Trust: Water Vole Recovery Officer](#) (11 August 2025)

River (lake!) of the week

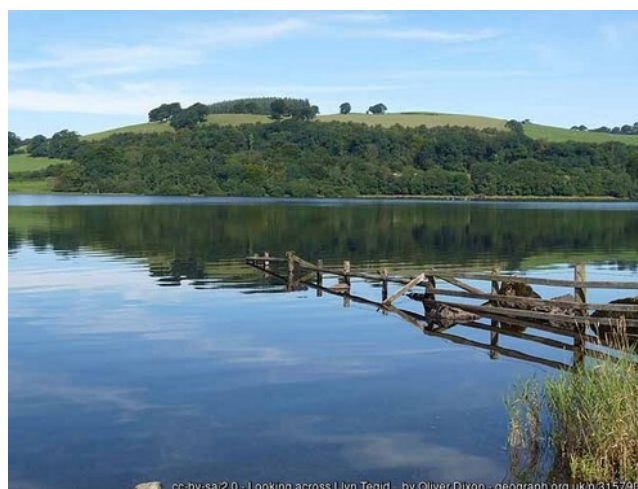


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