



Promoting & Facilitating Integrated Catchment Management, River Tweed, Scotland

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Tweed Forum is an environmental, non- government organisation, that has been working to deliver practical catchment based habitat restoration projects with farmers and partner organisations in the Scottish Borders and North Northumberland UK, for over 15 years. The emphasis has been on getting the right measures in the right places, at the right scale.

Whilst getting practical habitat work done on the ground has always been Tweed Forum's main objective, increasingly we have sought to ensure our land and water restoration work achieves on as many strategic fronts as possible. This includes key policy drivers such as; designated sites & priority species; natural flood management; diffuse pollution control; resilience to climate change; carbon sequestration and soil conservation.

This talk will outline how Tweed Forum strives to facilitate multiple benefits on a number of demonstration projects such as natural flood management on the Eddleston Water & River Teviot and diffuse pollution on Lower Tweed. Where this work sits within the European Water Framework Directive will be highlighted. It will also demonstrate how the Scottish Borders Land Use Strategy pilot is developing a mapping tool that will help agencies, land managers, councils and communities, to plan and implement such works, to help achieve this goal of refined targeting. It is hoped that this tool will be useful in guiding future restoration work across Scotland. In recognition of its achievements, Tweed Forum became the winner of the first UK Rivers prize in 2015.