**“How to use” guide for the River Restoration Centre’s monitoring Protocol:**

**Key:**

* **Target/why –** What is the overall objective of the works which are to be monitored?
* **What –** What are you trying to observe from your monitoring? E.g. increased sinuosity and habitat heterogeneity through re-meandering and adding large wood / reduction in nutrient inputs by installing SuDS.
* **How –** What techniques are being used to collect data and what assessment methods are you using? E.g. electro-fishing monitoring diversity, abundance, density, length and age.
* **When –** When are you collecting data (month/season)? Duration/length of monitoring period, how many sampling repeats, how regularly?
* **Who –** Who is the individual and/or organisation responsible for monitoring? Will this be done by more than one organisation?
* **Data –** Do you have access to any pre-project data? E.g. monitoring data from the Environment Agency.
* **Cost –** Cost of monitoring. Are all costs in kind, or are there expenditures for e.g. external lab analysis.
* **Which WFD objective is this helping to achieve –** Which WFD quality element will be addressed by your works? If not WFD, does the work/undertaking aim to improve favourable conditions (for designated sites or species, e.g. SSSI/SAC/SPA/BAP) or does it relate to any other policy drivers (e.g. public engagement, socio-economics, flood management, ecosystem services)
* **Priority and confidence:**Priority: High/Medium/Low importance that your monitoring method can show potential improvement of the related WFD quality element; the favourable condition (i.e. designated site or species such as SSSI, SAC, SPA, BAP); and/or other policy drivers (e.g. socio-economics, flood management, ecosystem services).  
  Confidence: High/Medium/Low confidence that the monitoring is robust, suitable and has the potential to show what you are trying to observe within the CRF project time limit.
* **On target –** Are the monitoring tasks outlined running to schedule? If no, why not?

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| **Confidence**  High/medium/low robustness of monitoring |
| **Will be different for each project – what is the project aim for the area being photographed?** | A visual change in (please specify) as a result of (please specify) | Fixed point photography – for methodology, refer to RRC’s Practical river monitoring guidance (2011)  X number of photos (state if known) & indicate if RRC have been provided with a map of points (Y/N) | E.g. Before, immediately after and post works recommended (state dates if known, e.g. month and year) | Project team/ Volunteers | State if fixed point photography or any anecdotal/ ad-hoc photography prior to CRF | Through project/  In-kind | State which of the following, the FPP demonstrates:  a) WFD targets,  b) designated river or  c) other e.g. social science targets | Priority: Please state (only grey if High) | Yes/ No | A time-series of fixed point photographs  State if any other analysis is being done |
| Confidence: Please state (only grey if High) |

* **Reporting tool and reporting output –** How will your collected monitoring data be recorded and the analysis outputs reported?

**Example of Fixed Point Photography:**

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| **Confidence**  High/medium/low robustness of monitoring |
| ***Improve habitat and water quality of the River Keer*** | **Establish 1000m of riparian buffer strips up to 10m wide to reduce diffuse pollution entering watercourse and improve habitat** | Fixed point photography | Pre-works, during-works, immediately post and some time post-works, as a minimum. | Lune Rivers Trust | None | In-kind | Improve the condition of WFD waterbodies:  GB112073071420 from bad to moderate | Priority: High | Yes | To be evaluated at end of the project in short report. To be carried out by project manager. |
| Confidence: High |
| Full desk-based study of catchment | 2014 – prior to any work on the ground, and 2015 post works | Ribble Rivers Trust for LRT | None | In-kind | Priority: High | Yes |
| Confidence: Medium (cannot quantitatively measure reduction in diffuse pollution) |

**NB.** The EA determined the condition of these watercourses from water quality data collected at sites including those listed below.   
Further assessments are to be undertaken that will gauge the efficacy of the restoration projects undertaken.

**EA Surface Water Stations:** See <http://www.eea.europa.eu/themes/water/interactive/soe-wfd/wfd-river-basin-district-info-viewer>

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| **Waterbody** | **Station** | **Type** |
| River Keer at A6 road bridge | NWWIMS88004481 | Water Information Management System |
| River Keer | NWMORPGB112073064430 | Morphological |
| D/S of railway viaduct (Capernwray) | NWBIOS66507 | Biological |
| Keer | NWMORPGB112073071240 | Morphological |
| Swarth Beck PTC River Keer | NWWIMS88004480 | Water Information Management System |
| River Keer Capernwray Bridge | NWWIMS88004476 | Water Information Management System |
| River Keer | NWMORPGB112073071250 | Morphological |