**“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 |
| **Work with farmers and landowners to improve riparian buffer strips, and establish demonstration sites** | **Improvement in riparian zone, providing increased habitat.**  **Increased riparian zone to act as a buffer to increase infiltration and reduce pollution.**  **Fencing to reduced poaching and pollution.** | Fixed point photography | Pre, during and post works.  Till’s Hole - Long Sleddale (proposed site) | Cumbria Woodlands | None | Within project management | Maintain good status or raise status from moderate to poor for WFD waterbodies:  GB112073071430  GB112073074640  GB112073071370 | Priority: High |  | To be evaluated at end of the project in short report. To be carried out by project manager. |
| Confidence: High |

**NB.** The EA determined the condition of these watercourses from water quality data collected at sites identified on <http://www.eea.europa.eu/themes/water/interactive/soe-wfd/wfd-river-basin-district-info-viewer>. Further assessments are to be undertaken that will gauge the efficacy of the restoration projects undertaken. Sites may include:

**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 Sprint | NWMORPGB112073071430 | Morphological |
| Docker Nook Main | NWNFPD5521 | National Fisheries Database |
| Beech Hill | NWNFPD5522 | National Fisheries Database |
| River Sprint at Garnett Bridge | NWWIMS88004373 | Water Information Management System |
| Gurnal Bridge | NWNFPD5520 | National Fisheries Database |
| D/S Sprint Bridge nr Burneside, PTC R.Kent | NWBIOS66614 | Biological |
| Downstream Sprint Bridge | NWNFPD5519 | National Fisheries Database |
| River Sprint PTC River Kent | NWWIMS88004374 | Water Information Management System |
| Ashtead Beck #1 | NWNFPD5517 | National Fisheries Database |
| River Mint at Patton (D/S of Fish Farm) | NWWIMS88004387 | Water Information Management System |
| Patton Bridge | NWNFPD5516 | National Fisheries Database |
| Mealbank | NWNFPD5514 | National Fisheries Database |
| River Mint | NWMORPGB112073071370 | Morphological |
| D/S Mint (A6) Bridge, PTC R.Kent | NWBIOS66376 | Biological |
| River Mint PTC River Kent | NWWIMS88004392 | Water Information Management System |