



Kent Catchment Project

Heritage

- Cumbria Industrial History Society - old photos
- Kendal used to have a number of mill races e.g. the old race from Stramongate weir. Lots of evidence still exists in the town.
- Woolen industry
- Washing steps down to the river
- Book: Water power mills of South Lakeland by Michael Davies-Shiel
- Collect historic photos
- Remove weirs but incorporate heritage installation on site
- Contact Burneside Heritage Society & Staveley History Society to see if would like to get involved. Links to Windermere Oral History Society

Engagement

- How?**
 - Films
 - Media
 - DofE Volunteering
- Who?**
 - Landowners
 - School children
 - local flood forum & flood action groups
 - Planners
 - Council
 - Fishermen
 - History Societies

Projects

Physical Modifications

- Weir removal
- Remove weirs
- Take out more weirs
- Leisure - weirs provide places for children to play in the river

Habitat & Wildlife

- Improve riverside habitat - especially through Kendal
- More mussels, more trees, more meanders
- Proposal for bi-pass around Kendal. Pre-survey wildlife recording to check impact or not
- Crayfish on River sprint behind morrisonns have often been stranded in drought conditions
- Preserving wildlife: kingfishers on the Natland to Kendal reach

Funding

- River Restoration for salmon/ pearl mussels/ crayfish
- Tourism
- Local businesses

General

- Potential to use Basinghyll fish counter as an education facility, sustrainable hydro, fish tanks
- Help/ encourage people to access the river, especially in kendal
- Address some of the myths and misconceptions around wildlife/ flooding
- Big engineering dams upstream of Kendal to contain the 3.5 cubic metres of water that came through the channel in 12hrs on 5/12/2015 and through homes in Kendal.
- Tidy up the river through Kendal (currently lots of scrub). Open up the old washing steps again