

South Cumbria Rivers Trust (SCRT) works in collaboration with the Environment Agency (EA) and Natural England (NE) to identify, scope and deliver work that benefits the special nature of the River Kent. The River Kent and its tributaries are designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and a Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

BOWSTON WEIR REMOVAL: In-river works complete



A BOWSTON UPDATE

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In-river works for Bowston weir removal have now been completed. Our contractors will now begin to demobilise and are due to be off site by Wednesday 27th July. The footpath will be reinstated once all materials and site boundary fencing have been removed from site.

As per Ebsford's structural engineer's assessment, the right bank fish pass condition evidenced some erosion and the base of some of the gabions evidenced undercutting. It was decided to act upon the recommendation to keep the fish pass in place and protect its upstream facing wall with large boulders. These have been infilled with river gravels. Voids were also detected in the base of some of the gabions. These have been filled and large boulders placed immediately in front to armour them.

Please note that following these works, it will take time and a number of higher flows for the river to adjust and for the riverscape to adopt a softer look. The Environment Agency will conduct periodic sediment monitoring from now and until the river has reached equilibrium. SCRT will also conduct mitigation tree planting over the autumn/winter 2022/23 as conditioned by South Lakeland District Council and we will also be looking for additional tree planting opportunities.

We apologise again for any inconvenience caused by the works over the last five weeks.

Regards,

The SCRT Team

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