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Trust

# LOCAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN ELTERWATER PROPOSAL

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## Vision

South Cumbria Rivers Trust (SCRT) work in collaboration with other environmental partners including the Environment Agency (EA), Natural England (NE) and the National Trust (NT) to identify, scope and deliver work that benefits the special nature of Elterwater. Elterwater is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). This is the highest designation in the United Kingdom and Elterwater is cited to have nationally important lake edge vegetation communities.

SCRT wish to engage the public to ensure transparency through the development of our project proposal; the reconnection of Great Langdale beck into the middle-basin of Elterwater. Through this Engagement Plan we want to achieve a more responsive, collaborative and targeted approach to public engagement.

We want the public to engage with us. This could be participating in information gathering to expressing views, experiences or objections. We want the public to find it easy to interact with SCRT and have a positive and consistent experience when they do. Our intention is that public contributions to our proposals, in the development of our objectives, are welcomed to help form agreed outcomes wherever possible.

We must also make best use of our resources. As a small charity we need to deliver projects that are of value and satisfy the aims of the Trust; to improve the aquatic environments of South Cumbria.

The word 'public' will be used throughout this plan to describe lots of people.

We understand this encompasses several needs and opinions. These may change during the proposal and therefore the tools used for engagement must also develop. This means SCRT must be flexible and understanding in our approach. This may mean changes to our plan, using new channels for engagement and evaluating the effectiveness of channels used.

## Our priority

To implement the Public Engagement Plan we will focus on;

- ❖ Encouraging collaboration and learning

We encourage collaborative working with individuals and organisations who can contribute to the proposals to achieve better outcomes. We want to learn from and better improve our communications with the public.

## Engagement

### Public communication-

SCRT will use a selection of the following public engagement tools to effectively communicate and engage with the public. Lakeside landowners have been contacted and consulted directly.

- SCRT website\* (<https://s crt.co.uk/what-we-do/current-projects/elterwater>)
- E-leaflet
- Information poster \*
- Letter-drop
- Steering group meetings \*
- Public meetings
- Local newspaper/Parish Council news items\*
- Social Media platforms\*
- E-mail correspondence ([admin@s crt.co.uk](mailto:admin@s crt.co.uk)) \*

\*These are the tools that SCRT have adopted or propose to adopt for the Elterwater proposal. These are subject to change. Due to COVID-19 impacts and restrictions, SCRT are limited as to what communications are possible. Therefore, the majority of activity will be online and public face-to-face meetings will not be taking place.

## What we will communicate

We have provided a list of key documents and information we will share with the public to provide the relevant background material that has shaped this proposal and future actions in response to public engagement:

- **Proposal Outline**
  - Available on the SCRT website; (<https://s crt.co.uk/what-we-do/current-projects/elterwater>)
- **Question and Answer document/s**
  - Available on the SCRT website; (<https://s crt.co.uk/what-we-do/current-projects/elterwater>)
- **Local Community Engagement Plan**
  - Available on the SCRT website; (<https://s crt.co.uk/what-we-do/current-projects/elterwater>)
- **Updates to information**
  - Will be made available on the SCRT website; (<https://s crt.co.uk/what-we-do/current-projects/elterwater>)
- **Progression from proposal to formal applications**
  - Will be made available on the SCRT website; (<https://s crt.co.uk/what-we-do/current-projects/elterwater>)
- **Outcome from formal consultation**
  - Will be made available on the SCRT website; (<https://s crt.co.uk/what-we-do/current-projects/elterwater>)
- **Delivery information – Subject to formal consultation outcome**
  - Will be made available on the SCRT website; (<https://s crt.co.uk/what-we-do/current-projects/elterwater>)

## Timeline

We have created a timeline of work that incorporates the key stages of the Elterwater proposal and engagement plans for your reference. These will be subject to change as the proposal develops and timelines alter. This will be kept up to date as and when developments occur. This timeline can be found in Appendix 1 of this document.

### How will we know we have achieved what we set out to?

#### Short to Medium-term achievements (Prior to formal public consultation)

- People know who we are, how to contact us and know how to access our latest update(s) about the proposal.
- The SCRT website has a dedicated section with links to key documents.
- Timeline for proposal published.
- SCRT responds to queries/questions in a timely and consistent approach.
- Steering group meeting/s with EA, NE and NT to discuss the proposal.
- Important updates to be made available to the public in a timely and consistent approach.

#### Long-term achievements (Finalising consultation and delivery planning)

- Finalise agreed formal actions and make public.
- Delivery timeline published.
- Target and make the best use of our resources for future improvement.

## Stakeholders we need to communicate with

We have created a list of stakeholders who we need to specifically communicate with to inform them of this proposal. We hope these stakeholders communicate and work collaboratively with SCRT to achieve the milestones of this public engagement plan.

## Stakeholders

### Groups

Local Residents  
Parish Councils

District Council  
Landowner/s  
Lakeside landowners  
Government Bodies

### Contact Name

Individual Residents  
Skelwith Parish Council  
Lakes Parish Council  
South Lakeland District Council  
National Trust  
Cannot be displayed due to GDPR  
Environment Agency  
Natural England

## CONTACT US

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## APPENDICES

### Appendix 1

#### Elterwater Reconnection Proposal Timeline

ELTERWATER RECONNECTION PROPOSAL TIMELINE		
Last Updated: 05/03/2021		 South Cumbria Rivers Trust
Phase	Progress	Prospective Timeline
<b>Planning</b>	<b>ONGOING</b>	
Proposal Documents	Complete	March 2021
Local Community Engagement Plan	Complete	March 2021
Responses to queries	Pending	March 2021 – Summer 2021
<b>Public Consultation</b>	<b>PENDING</b>	
Notification of progression to planning permission	Pending	April 2021 – May 2021
Notification of progression for environmental permit	Pending	April 2021 – May 2021
Results from planning permission	Pending	Subject to planning determination
Results from environmental permit	Pending	Subject to determination
<b>Delivery</b>	<b>PENDING</b>	
Delivery work	Pending	Subject to planning approval. Scheduled late Summer 2021



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