

Water Quality Partnership

Area of interest:

All Broads river catchments, lakes, and ditches, working in partnership to improve the water environment. Focusing on non-agricultural diffuse water pollution

The long-term aim is to restore the quality of water bodies throughout the Broads to good ecological status¹ (as defined by the EU Water Framework Directive 2000), or better, for the benefit of present and future generations.



Objectives

This aim will be achieved by:

- Developing an integrated approach to the management of entire catchments, with particular emphasis on controlling pollution from diffuse sources as well as from any locally significant point sources.
- Identifying and targeting key areas for intervention.
- Raising awareness among local communities of key areas for concerted action.
- Working closely with landowners/managers and parish councils to deliver the necessary changes.

In order to demonstrate success of investment in water quality, a monitoring programme will be a fundamental part of the initiatives.

Associated projects:

Broads Biodiversity Group

Partners' projects related to this group:

- Waveney Rivers Trust
- NWT and SWT Living Landscapes (Bure, Thurne, Suffolk Broads)
- RSPB Futurescapes
- Broads Authority Lake Restoration Projects
- Annual Broads Biodiversity Forum

¹ 'Good ecological status' is the minimum standard for all water bodies required under the provisions of the Water Framework Directive. In the case of 'heavily modified water bodies' that have been physically modified to support various uses, such as broads originating from peat diggings and becoming part of the local transport (navigation) infrastructure, the minimum standard is 'good ecological potential'. Where a water body falls within a Special Area of Conservation, its habitats and species of European importance are required to be in 'favourable conservation status' under the terms of the European Habitats Directive. In practice, 'favourable conservation status' is likely to represent a higher standard than 'good ecological status' or 'good ecological potential'.

Topic Group profile

Meetings:

The group meets quarterly or as required and includes members from the following organisations;

Organisation	Attendee
Environment Agency	Louise Taylor (joint chair), Rory Sanderson, Rachel Rees, Lisa Turner, Alison Parnell
Natural England	Chris Bielby, Victoria Fradley, Robert Camps, Dougal McNeill
Broads Authority	Andrea Kelly (joint chair), Simon Hooton
RSPB	Philip Pearson
Broads Farmers	Andrew Alston, Nicolas Deane
Rivers Trust	Barry Bendall
Waveney Rivers Trust	Geoff Doggett
Anglian Water	Andy Brown, Mandy Fletton, Emily Payne
NFU	Rob Wise, Paul Hammett
WMA	Tony Goodwin
Norfolk Wildlife Trust	John Hiskett
Essex & Suffolk Water	Robert Holland, Will Robinson, Claire Leronc
Imperial College London	Alex Collins

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