

River Basin Management Plans 2015 – 2021

Neagh Bann River Basin District

## Record of Public Participation and Consultation

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As a requirement of Article 14 of the Water Framework Directive (WFD), it is necessary to encourage the active involvement of all interested parties in the implementation of the WFD, in particular in relation to the production, review and updating of River Basin Management Plans. This background document summarises the steps taken nationally and within the Neagh Bann District to ensure that the development of the River Basin Management Plan has been produced through consultation and engagement with interested parties. The steps are summarised in three sections on:

- Consultation;
- Stakeholder Engagement; and
- Public access to information.

As part of the plan, the updated Record of Consultation and Participation sets out the consultation measures undertaken and identifies the changes that have been made to the plan as a result of the public consultation process.

### **1.0 Consultations**

Table 1.0 outlines the consultations on Water Framework Directive that have been undertaken nationally and in the Neagh Bann River Basin District and the key outcomes arising from the consultations to ensure that the River Basin Management Plan has been produced through consultation and engagement with interested parties

**Table 1 Consultations undertaken nationally and within Northern Ireland River Basin Districts**

Title	Means of Dissemination	Key Outcomes
Consultations		
<b>Water Framework Directive (Priority Substances and Classification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010</b>	The document was published on the Department of Environment (DOE) ( <a href="http://www.doeni.gov.uk">www.doeni.gov.uk</a> ) website June 2010.	Synopsis of responses to the Consultation Was published on the Department of Environment website in September 2010
<b>The Water Framework Directive (Priority Substances and Classification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011</b>	The document was published on the DOE website ( <a href="http://www.doeni.gov.uk">www.doeni.gov.uk</a> ) and <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/</a>	January 2011
<b>Guidance on the Water Framework Directive (Priority Substances and Classification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011</b>	The document was published on the DOE website. ( <a href="http://www.doeni.gov.uk">www.doeni.gov.uk</a> )	
<b>Final Regulatory Impact Assessment (in respect of the Water Framework Directive (Priority Substances and Classification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011)</b>	The document was published on the DOE website. ( <a href="http://www.doeni.gov.uk">www.doeni.gov.uk</a> )	
<b>The Water Framework Directive (Priority Substances and Classification) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 –</b>	The document was published on the DOE website. ( <a href="http://www.doeni.gov.uk">www.doeni.gov.uk</a> ) and <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/</a>  Hard copy was available on request, from Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA), Water Management Unit, 17 Antrim Road, Lisburn.	Published December 2012  These Regulations amend the date, by which the Department of the Environment has to establish an inventory of emissions, discharges and losses of all substances listed in Table 38 of Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the Water Framework (Priority Substances and Classification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 from 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2012 to 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2013
<b>Draft Water Framework Directive (Priority Substances and Classification) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014</b>  Purpose to seek views on the introduction of new and updated environmental standards for Northern Ireland's water through amendments. These	This document was published on the DOE Website, ( <a href="http://www.doeni.gov.uk">www.doeni.gov.uk</a> ) with hardcopies available on request from Water Policy Team, Goodwood House, 44 – 58 May Street, Belfast, BT1NN  A number of consultees were advised directly about the consultation.	Consultation was open from 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2014 – 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2014  Final document - The Water Framework Directive (Priority Substances And Classification) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

<p>amendments are based on recommendations from WFD UKTAG in respect of biological, phosphorus and environmental standards</p>		<p>Came into operation 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015.</p>
<p><b>Proposals on consolidated Water Framework Directive Priority Substances and Classification Regulations 2015</b></p> <p>Purpose to seek views on the proposal to produce a consolidated set of regulations which incorporate the relevant parts of the two Priority Substances Directives and relevant parts of the NI Regulations which set out the WFD classification scheme.</p>	<p>This document was published on the DOE Website, with hardcopies available on request from Water Policy Team, Goodwood House, 44 – 58 May Street, Belfast, BT1NN</p> <p>A number of consultees were advised directly about the consultation.</p>	<p>Consultation opened 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 – 21<sup>st</sup> August 2015</p>
<p><b>UKTAG Methodology for determining hazardous substances in groundwater</b></p>	<p>All documents relating to this consultation and final documents were published on the UKTAG website. (<a href="http://www.wfduk.org">www.wfduk.org</a>)</p>	<p>Between June and August 2011, a consultation took place on the methodology. The revised methodology was issued on 28th June 2012, along with the consultation response document.</p> <p><a href="#">Final revised Methodology - 120628_JAGDAG_det_meth_final.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="#">Response on Final revised Methodology - 120628_Consult_responses_Final.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>UKTAG Hazardous / non-hazardous pollutant assessment of 20 substances: 2013/14</b></p> <p>A public consultation was carried out on twenty substances, which were assessed in accordance with the methodology for determining hazardous substances for the purposes of the Water Framework Directive</p>	<p>All document relating to this consultation and final documents were published on the UKTAG website. (<a href="http://www.wfduk.org">www.wfduk.org</a>)</p>	<p>This consultation was open February - March 2013.</p> <p>The consultation amounted to a practical trial of the determination methodology, the results of which are summarised in the <a href="#">consultation response document</a>. In view of the concerns raised in the consultation, revisions are being made to the methodology; these will go out for</p>

<p>(WFD) and Groundwater Daughter Directive (GWDD), and as required under legislation that transposes these requirements into domestic legislation in the UK and Ireland.</p>		<p>consultation in mid 2015.</p>
<p><b>UKTAG Environmental Standards Phase 3</b></p>	<p>All document relating to this consultation and final documents were published on the UKTAG website. (<a href="http://www.wfduk.org">www.wfduk.org</a>)</p>	<p>Following a consultation that ended in June 2012, UKTAG finalised Phase 3 of its review of environmental standards.</p> <p>The <a href="#">Interim Final Environmental Standards Phase 3 Report</a> (not including zinc) was published in February 2013 following consultation feedback.</p> <p>The <a href="#">Environmental Standards Phase 3 Final Report</a> (including zinc) was published in November 2013. Some minor amendments have been made since November, detailed in the change log.</p> <p>UKTAG produced a <a href="#">response to the consultation comments</a> explaining how feedback has been incorporated into the final recommendations.</p>
<p><b>UKTAG Final Recommendations on Biological and Phosphorus Standards</b></p> <p>Two reports were produced recommending new phosphorus for rivers and biological standards for rivers, lakes and marine, after consultation.</p>	<p>The documents relating to the consultation and final document were published on the UKTAG website. (<a href="http://www.wfduk.org">www.wfduk.org</a>) The consultation document in December 2012 with the final recommendation document being published 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013.</p>	<p>This consultation was open from 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012 – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013.</p> <p>Response to both consultations were published on the UKTAG website (<a href="http://www.wfduk.org">www.wfduk.org</a>)</p> <p>The final recommendation document was published 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013 on the UKTAG website. (<a href="http://www.wfduk.org">www.wfduk.org</a>)</p> <p>Some minor amendments have been made since November 2013, detailed in the <a href="#">change log</a>. The final recommendations documents have been updated accordingly.</p>

<p><b>UKTAG Good Ecological Potential Mitigation Consultation 2013</b></p> <p>UKTAG first published guidance on the classification of ecological potential in 2008. This guidance has been reviewed which has led to proposals to better define a default flow regime for good ecological potential in rivers downstream of reservoirs and their intakes</p>	<p>The document was published on the UKTAG website in 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013. (<a href="http://www.wfduk.org">www.wfduk.org</a>)</p>	<p>This consultation closed 16<sup>th</sup> August 2013.</p> <p>A summary of responses received and the final River Flow for GEP final recommendations were published on the UKTAG website 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013.</p>
<p><b>Timetable and Work Programme for Development of the Second Cycle River Basin Management Plans 2015-2021</b></p> <p>This document outlined the consultations to be undertaken to develop the second cycle RBMPs 2015 – 2021. It set out the timetable and work programme to produce the second cycle and asked stakeholders to suggest new ways they could become involved.</p>	<p>The document was published on both the NIEA and DOE website in 18<sup>th</sup> December 2012</p> <p>Details were highlighted at WFD Stakeholder Forum and Catchment Stakeholder Groups.</p> <p>The document was circulated as per Department’s circulation list and made available in hard copy, if requested, from DOE, Environmental Policy Division, Goodwood House, 44 – 58 May Street, Belfast, BT1NN</p>	<p>The statutory consultation was held during 20<sup>th</sup> December 2012 – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2013</p> <p>A total of 5 substantive comments were received, all from non-governmental organisations.</p> <p>A Synopsis of Responses to the consultation was published on the DOE and NIEA websites September 2013.</p>
<p><b>Significant Water Management Issues for the Neagh Bann River Basin Districts within Northern Ireland.</b></p> <p>The documents set out the latest assessment of the pressures and impacts on the water environment, describing progress made towards achieving the 2015 objectives and issues still needing to be addressed.</p>	<p>These documents and supporting information were published on both the NIEA and DOE websites on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2013 and made available in hard copy, if requested, from NIEA, Water Management Unit, 17 Antrim Road, Lisburn.</p> <p>Details were highlighted at WFD Stakeholder Forum and Catchment Stakeholder Groups.</p> <p>The consultation was also advertised in the Belfast Gazette (6<sup>th</sup> January 2014), Belfast Telegraph (10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> January 2014), Newsletter and Irish News (10<sup>th</sup> January 2014)</p>	<p>This statutory consultation was held during the period 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2013 – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2014</p> <p>A total of 18 substantive comments were received</p> <p>A Synopsis of the Responses to the consultation was produced and published on the DOE and NIEA websites September 2014.</p> <p>Feedback from the consultation will help in developing proposals for the draft second cycle RBMPs.</p>

<p><b>Neagh Bann Draft River Basin Management Plan 2015 - 2021</b></p> <p>This plan is an update to the Plan published in December 2009 and provide an overview of the proposed changes</p>	<p>This and relating supporting documents were published on the NIEA website 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2014. Links to the documents were also provided on the DOE website.</p> <p>The consultation was also advertised in the Belfast Telegraph (22<sup>nd</sup> December and 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015), Newsletter and Irish News (22<sup>nd</sup> December 2014)</p> <p>Consultation responses were returned to the River Basin Planning Team via e-mail or post</p>	<p>The consultation was held from 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015.</p> <p>A total of 22 responses were received. A synopsis of the comments received will be available on request and on the DOE website in early 2016.</p> <p>The comments from the consultation have been noted and included within the final version of the Plans.</p>
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**Table 2 –Stakeholder Engagement within Northern Ireland River Basin Districts**

Below is a catalogue of scheduled meetings in which NIEA engaged with stakeholders. This includes public meetings with the Catchment Stakeholder Groups (CSG) focused upon specific catchments; a national stakeholders’ forum; and projects delivered in partnership with stakeholders. This is not a definitive account of all engagement within this reporting cycle, as many more less formal, ad hoc forms of engagement took place.

<b>Groups</b>	<b>Details of Events</b>	<b>Key Outcomes</b>
<p><b>Catchment Stakeholder Group Meetings</b></p> <p>Catchment Stakeholder Groups (CSG) comprise of local and regional stakeholder sectors/groups, and relevant Government agencies; brought together to support and encourage a joint approach to identifying and solving catchment scale water quality management issues which supports implementation of the Water Framework Directive. The CSG meeting occur on a biannual basis and are open to the public.</p>	<p>There are 3 Catchment Stakeholder Groups within the Neagh Bann RBD:  Lower Neagh Bann  Upper Neagh Bann  Carlingford and Mourne</p> <p>A database of stakeholder contact information has been maintained by NIEA in order to forward information and details of meetings.</p> <p>Since 2010 these groups have met 10 times.</p>	<p>More effectively addresses local water management issues by Regional and Catchment Management Officers.</p> <p>Greater sense of local involvement in water management issues.</p> <p>Helps in increasing awareness and understanding of linkages between River Basin Plans and local water management issues.</p>

	<p>Dates of the meetings are list in Appendix 1</p> <p>Meetings include presentation providing a regional operation update, Catchment Management Officer update and then a guest speaker e.g. River's Agency, RSPB, Local Biodiversity Officer, Local Angling club. Some of the meetings had a workshop element when starting to create action plans allowing local issues to be identified and incorporated into the plan.</p>	<p>Minutes and presentations from all the CSG meetings were published in the NIEA website.</p>
<p><b>N.I. Water Framework Directive Stakeholder Forum</b></p> <p>This forum covers a wide range of interests, including the environment, industry, agriculture and conservation; members include Ulster Angling Federation, Ulster Farmers Union, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, NI biodiversity Group and various government departments.</p>	<p>The Forum has met 14 times since 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2009, most recently 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015.</p> <p>2015 - 25th March, 16<sup>th</sup> September  2014 - 17th September, 18th June, 3rd April  2013 - 19th June, 20th March  2012 - 10 December, 18th April  2011 - 19 October, 13 April  2010 - 13 April  2009 - 8th December, 3rd March</p>	<p>Minutes of the meeting and related papers were published on the DOE Website.</p>
<p><b>The Freshwater Summit</b></p> <p>An outcome from the Stakeholder Forum. The invitees included active stakeholders</p>	<p><b>First summit 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014</b>, Lagan Valley Island Centre Lisburn.</p> <p>Presentations focused on the positives, the challenges ahead and progress made to date, with speaker from NIEA River Basin Planning, Northern Ireland Water, Ulster Farmers Union and Freshwater Task Force</p> <p><b>Second summit 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014</b>, Lagan Valley Island Centre Lisburn.</p> <p>Presentation included – Summary of response to Significant Water management Issues Consultation. Water Catchment Partnership and Action Plan from the first summit.</p>	<p>To agree an action plan addressing key issues raised during the summit.</p> <p>To finalise the action plan, with the issues feeding into the second cycle River Basin Plan Programme of measures.</p>



<p><b>Water Environment Community Awards Recipients within the Neagh Bann RBD</b></p> <p>These awards were open to any individuals and groups who had a project that helped spread the word about the importance of our water environment and inspire others to protect this valuable resource. Nine awards of £1,000 each were awarded in May 2011 and March 2012 to implement the projects throughout Northern Ireland.</p> <p>The award was promoted through the NIEA website, mailing lists and at CSG meetings.</p>	<p><b>Group Awarded</b></p> <p>Tern Raft at Strand Lough (Lecale Conservation)</p> <p>Salmon Hatchery in the Classroom (Clady and District Anglers)</p> <p>Ballinderry Clean Stream Initiative (Ballinderry River Enhancement Association)</p> <p>The Value of Water (Clogher &amp; District Angling Club)</p> <p>Salmon Hatchery in the Classroom (Clady and District Anglers)</p> <p>Water for Life (Causeway Coast &amp; Glens )</p>	<p><b>Project Summary</b></p> <p>Launched a raft to show connection between people, water and biodiversity, ran workshops with local primary schools</p> <p>Children looked after salmon eggs until released into river. Learnt salmon life cycle and problems faced.</p> <p>Tackled problem of littering and habitat degradation by litter picks and habitat creation and wildlife survey.</p> <p>Children Education - 2 days interaction on source, value, impact on Blackwater with river sampling for invertebrates</p> <p>Children looked after salmon eggs until released into river. Learnt salmon life cycle and problems faced.</p> <p>Primary schools became 'water detectives' learning about River Bann, presenting findings at a 'Water for Life' Event June 2012.</p>
<p><b>Water Quality Improvement Grants awarded within the Neagh Bann RBD.</b></p> <p>NIEA piloted a dedicated competitive grant scheme which was used to allocate funds to voluntary 'not for profit' bodies and local councils. The grants were designed to improve the aquatic environment and attain Water Framework Objectives as identified in the River Basin Management Plans. Each individual project was capped at £10K, with 9 projects awarded in this RBD for the 2 years the scheme ran.</p>	<p>The Grant was promoted through the NIEA website, mailing lists and at CSG meetings.</p> <p><b><u>Awarded Project Titles</u></b></p> <p>Upper Claggan Water Quality Improvement Project</p> <p>Fardross bank stabilisation and cleaning</p> <p>Invasive Species Survey Training in the Six Mile Water Catchment</p> <p>Sixmile Water - Ballyhartfield Enhancement Project</p> <p>Ballydown and Shanrod Streams Improvement Project</p>	<p>An overview of each project is listed in Appendix 2</p>

	<p>Cleansing the Holy River</p> <p>River Enhancement Project - Moyola River</p> <p>Management of Invasive Flora on the Blackwater</p> <p>Salterstown Burn Ecological Improvement Project</p>	
<p><b>Consultation on format for future stakeholder engagement.</b></p>	<p>A Survey was sent to all participants within the Catchment Stakeholder Groups 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015 to explore how best to engage with stakeholders in a meaningful and productive manor through the second cycle of the Water Framework Directive.</p>	<p>The survey closed 21<sup>st</sup> August 2015</p> <p>56 replies were received.</p> <p>Outcome to hold 1 Catchment Stakeholder meeting within the River Basin District per year, with a biennial conference but continue with bilateral meetings with specific stakeholders.</p> <p>Synopsis of results of survey available upon request.</p>

**Table 3: Public Access to Information**

It is necessary to ensure that stakeholders and the public have access to information they need to understand and comment on the development of the River Basin Management Plan. Significant efforts have been made to make information on the Water Framework Directive and the river basin planning process easily accessible to the public. The following table outlines the methods of dissemination that have been used to facilitate understanding of the Water Framework Directive and encourage participation in the development of draft River Basin Management Plans

Means of Dissemination	Activities
<p><b>NIEA Website</b></p>	<p>A Water Framework Directive section was set up on the NIEA website. This section included information relating to the first and draft second cycle River Basin Plans. Main pages/sub sections within it included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• River Basin management plans 2015-2021 – included draft plan, related supporting documents, Significant Water Management Issues 2013 report.</li> <li>• River Basin Planning 2009 – 2015 – included 1<sup>st</sup> cycle plan, supporting documents, additional consultations</li> <li>• The River Basin map viewers - 1<sup>st</sup> and draft 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle</li> <li>• Public participation in river basin planning – details of Catchment Stakeholder Groups including minutes of meetings and presentations</li> <li>• Assessing the impact of the plan</li> <li>• Economic value of water</li> </ul> <p>In November 2015 the DOE and NIEA websites were redesigned, so layout and content on the page has changed but there is a main page dedicated to River Basin Planning where the River Basin Management Summary Documents 2009 and 2015 are available <a href="https://www.doeni.gov.uk/topics/water/river-basin-management">https://www.doeni.gov.uk/topics/water/river-basin-management</a> with all other supporting documents located within the publications section.</p>
<p><b>DOE Website</b></p>	<p>Water Framework Directive page was set up on the DOE website. This page contained information relating to Water Framework Directive consultations and public participation – Stakeholder Forum minutes and presentations. It also contained links to the NIEA related section.</p> <p>In November 2015 this website was redesigned. (<a href="http://www.doeni.gov.uk">http://www.doeni.gov.uk</a>)</p>
<p><b>Catchment Stakeholder Group Electronic Newsletters (E-zines)</b></p>	<p>E-zines were produced for each Catchment Stakeholder Group. These were sent to stakeholder group members and were also available on the NIEA website. These newsletters we designed to help develop involvements at a local level with implementing the River Basin Plan.</p>

	Carlingford & Mourne CSG 4 issues, Lower Neagh Bann CSG – 4 issues and Upper Neagh Bann CSG – 2 – issues
<b>NIEA properties</b>	Consultation documents and leaflets were made available from reception areas and information centres in NIEA properties.
<b>Public events</b>	<p>NIEA staff support a number of local groups, providing advice and guidance as required and attend events to raise awareness of the water environment. This includes providing information on river basin management plans, local management area action plans and a display of 'good bugs/bad bugs'. These include agricultural shows, angling and community events. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balmoral Show 2011 – 2014 (incl demonstration River Basin Planning Web mapper)</li> <li>• Greenmount Horticultural Show September 2012 and Centenary Show June 2013</li> <li>• Sperrins Gateway Spring Event</li> <li>• Moyola Angling Club Family Event September 2013</li> <li>• Celebrate Six Mile Water - South Antrim Fishing Festival May 2011</li> <li>• Get Outdoors Sept 2013</li> <li>• Banks of the Ballinderry Fair</li> <li>• RIPPLE (Rivers Involving People, Places and Leading by Example) Events</li> </ul>
<b>Publicity material</b>	<p>Some guidance documents have also been produced for example on "Care in Agrichemical use near Waterways", "Proper use of Drains", "Landowner Awareness – Improving Water Quality in your local area" leaflet developed jointly with Loughs Agency, Ulster Farmers Union and DARD to raise awareness amongst landowners, "Surface Water Alterations Handbook" 'NIEA &amp; Water Pollution – Improving water quality' postcards produced to raise awareness on the role of the NIEA Regional Operations team and who to contact if water pollution is observed, were produced and made available at all public events, Catchment Stakeholder Group meetings and at the Stakeholder Forum. Water quality plans in action' article was published in the Farming Life October 2010.</p> <p>Water Management Fact and Figures Booklet were produced 2011 – 2014. A publication providing a handy reference to facts and figures on condition of Northern Ireland's Waters.</p> <p>239 Pollution hotline signs have been erected throughout Northern Ireland.</p>
<b>Public notices</b>	<p>Notices of the publication of the consultation documents were placed in the Irish News, Newsletter, Belfast Gazette and Belfast Telegraph in line with their various publication dates.</p> <p>Notices were placed for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2015 - 2021 Draft River Basin Management Plans;</li> <li>• Significant Water Management Issues for the Three River Basin Districts within Northern Ireland;</li> <li>• The Timetable and Work Programme for Development of the Second Cycle River Basin Management Plans 2015-2021;</li> </ul>

## Appendix 1

### Catchment Stakeholder Group Meetings in the Neagh Bann RBD 2010 - 2015

<b>Catchment Group</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b><u>Carlingford &amp; Mourne</u></b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2010	WIN Business Park, Canal Quay, Newry
	10 <sup>th</sup> November 2010	Newcastle Centre, 10-14 Central Promenade, Newcastle
	12 <sup>th</sup> May 2011	Newry & Mourne Enterprise Centre
	8 <sup>th</sup> November 2011	Confederation of Community Groups, Ballybot House, 28 Cornmarket, Newry
	15 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	Confederation of Community Groups, Ballybot House
	23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012	Ballybot House, Newry
	8 <sup>th</sup> May 2013	Castlewellan Forest Park, Castlewellan
	16 <sup>th</sup> October 2013	Hillyard House, 3-5 Castle Avenue, Castlewellan, Co. Down, BT31 9DX
	19 <sup>th</sup> May 2014	Canal Court Hotel, Newry
	11 <sup>th</sup> May 2015	Newcastle Centre
<b><u>Lower Neagh Bann</u></b>	25 <sup>th</sup> May 2010	The Elk, Hillhead Road, Toomebridge
	4 <sup>th</sup> November 2010	The Antrim Forum, Antrim
	25 <sup>th</sup> May 2011	Ballymoney Town Hall
	16 <sup>th</sup> November 2011	Portneal Lodge, 75 Bann Road, Kilrea
	9 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	Ballymena North Business & Recreation Centre
	16 <sup>th</sup> October 2012	Randalstown Arches
	29 <sup>th</sup> May 2013	Randalstown Arches Association, Arches House, 38-40 Main Street, Randalstown
	5 <sup>th</sup> November 2013	Randalstown Arches Community Centre, Main Street, Randalstown
	6 <sup>th</sup> May 2014	Randalstown Arches Community Centre, Main Street, Randalstown
	27 <sup>th</sup> May 2015	Randalstown Arches Community Hall
<b><u>Upper Neagh Bann</u></b>	20 <sup>th</sup> May 201	South West College, Burn Road, Cookstown
	21 <sup>st</sup> October 2010	Braeside Restaurant and Bar, Orritor Road Cookstown
	18 <sup>th</sup> May 2011	Navan Centre, Armagh
	10 <sup>th</sup> November 2011	Armagh City & District Council, The Council Offices, The Palace Demesne, Armagh
	23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2012	Clonoe Community Centre
	9 <sup>th</sup> October 2012	The Old Town Hall, Banbridge
	16 <sup>th</sup> May 2013	Banbridge District Council, Civic Building, Downshire Road, Banbridge
	14 <sup>th</sup> November 2013	The Cohannon Inn, 212 Ballynakilly Road, Dungannon, BT71 6HJ
	15 <sup>th</sup> May 2014	Cohannon Inn, Ballynakilly Road, Dungannon
	14 <sup>th</sup> May 2015	Old Town Hall Banbridge

## Appendix 2

### Summary of Successful Water Quality Improvement Grant Projects 2012

Organisation	Project Title	Project Overview
Clougher and District Angling Club	Fardross bank stabilisation and cleaning	to clear and restore a 1.5k stretch of the Fardross River banks by reduction in suspended solids by tackling the stabilisation of river banks through a mixture of revetment work, removal of dead trees and trailing branches and the replacement of old fencing lines. Also the removal of Himalayan Balsa and replanting native trees or shrub species.
Ballinderry River Enhancement Association	The Upper Claggan River Water Quality Improvement Project	The aim of the project is to identify the range of local pollution pressures in the three water bodies causing the deterioration in water quality and subsequent suppression of benthic invertebrate communities; and through effective local partnership and collaborative working, support the implementation of effective action at a local level to improve water quality in the catchments.
Antrim Borough Council	Invasive Species Survey Training in the Six Mile Water Catchment	The proposed Invasive Alien Species survey training project will involve the partnership of the two local Councils working with Ballinderry River Enhancement Association (BREA) and the Six Mile Water Trust to raise awareness and provide survey training for Invasive Alien Species

### Summary of Successful Water Quality Improvement Grant Projects 2013

Organisation	Project Title	Project Overview
Antrim and District Angling Association	Sixmile Water - Ballyhartfield Enhancement Project	To enhance a section of the river which has been degraded due to previous arterial drainage to improve the habitat for native fish species such as Lough Neagh dollaghan and Atlantic Salmon
Banbridge Angling Club	Ballydown and Shanrod Streams Improvement Project	Creation of new spawning habitat for both migratory and local salmonids (salmon, dollaghan and trout) and the creation of a fish pass. Erection of fencing to provide a buffer zone
Lough Neagh Partnership Ltd	Cleansing the Washing Bay Holy River	The project aims to improve the water quality of the Holy River catchment by encouraging members of the public to apply for discharge consents for their septic tank/ private treatment systems. To provide accurate facts and figures of the environmental problem from a quantifiable sample size.
Moyola Angling Association	River Enhancement Project - Moyola River	Erection of stock proof fencing along river bank to reduce sedimentation, install groynes to deflect

		flow to keep substrate free of sediment, remove non-native trees to reduce shading and raise awareness of ways to reduce degradation of the river through engagement with the local community
River Blackwater Catchment Trust	Management of Invasive Flora on the Blackwater	Training of community volunteers to survey the catchment for Giant Hogweed, Himalayan Balsam and Japanese Knotweed. This information will be mapped, measured and reported to a central data holder. The details will be used to inform stakeholders and lead a treatment programme
River Care Ltd	Salterstown Burn Ecological Improvement Project (Phase 1)	Identification of the pressures and impacts resulting in low biotic scores and high SRP and identify how these can be managed more effectively at local level in partnership with local landowners to improve water quality