

Education

One of the primary aims of the Nith Catchment Fishery Trust is to facilitate the general public's understanding of the importance of the aquatic environment within the Nith catchment. The Trust currently runs a number of education programmes for children, adults, private organisations, statutory and governmental bodies. "Nith in the Classroom" is a favourite among primary and secondary school children and is run in several schools throughout the catchment. We are continually looking for further funding to expand this project into more schools so please get in touch if you would like to be a sponsor of this exciting project.



Research

Carrying out research into fish species found within the Nith catchment is an important part of the Trust's work. It provides detailed and up-to-date knowledge that helps us to advise on best practice and to guide future fishery management plans. The Trust is currently assisting two research projects that are investigating the genetic "fingerprint" of salmon (FASMOP) and sea trout (the Celtic Sea Trout Project) within the Nith system.



Salmon scale



How to be involved:

Become a member

If you would like to become a member of the Nith Catchment Fishery Trust you can download a membership form from www.river-nith.com. Membership is free and entitles you to receive a copy of the illustrated and informative annual report and to attend the Trust's AGM.

Make a Donation

The Trust is a not for profit organisation and relies on grants and donations to fund the projects that it is involved in. If you would like to assist the Trust in its work by making a donation, we would love to hear from you.

Please make cheques payable to "Nith Catchment Fishery Trust" and send to:

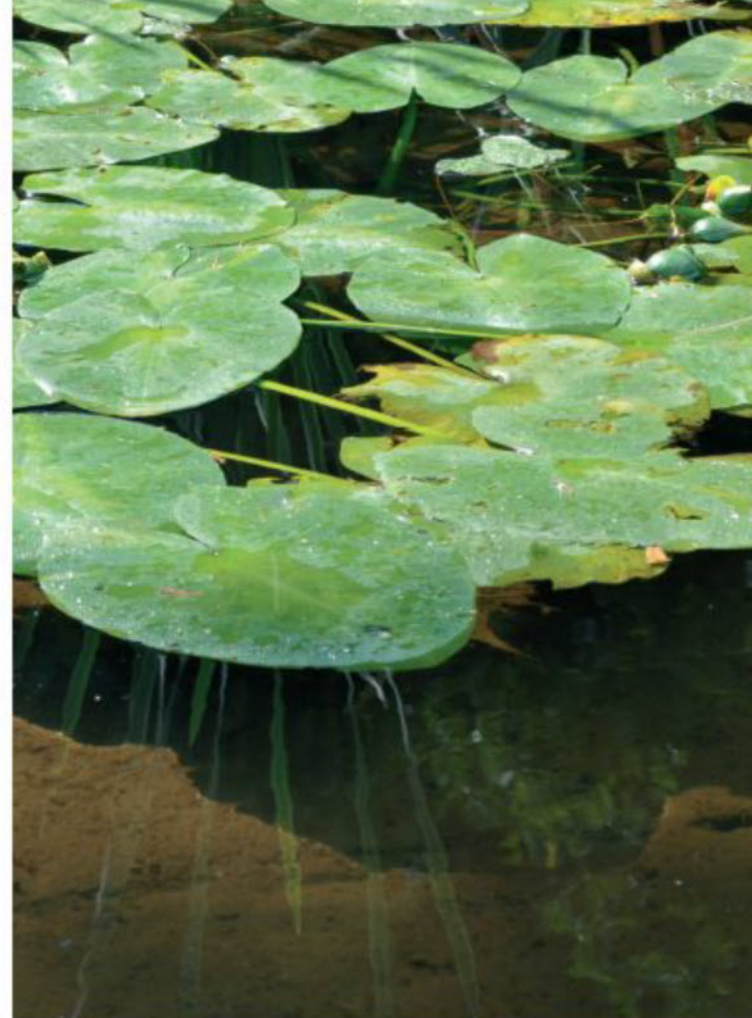
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Nith Catchment Fishery Trust



About us

The Nith Catchment Fishery Trust is a Scottish registered charity whose main aims are to:

- Conserve, protect and enhance fish species native to the Nith catchment as well as their environment.
- Improve public awareness of the importance of fish species and their habitats within the Nith catchment.

In order to achieve these objectives the Trust carries out **research** to gain a better understanding of the River Nith's ecosystem, the **monitoring** of fish and invertebrate populations and their habitats within the catchment, runs **conservation** projects to protect and improve these populations and conducts **education** programmes to increase public awareness of the importance of the aquatic environment. The Trust also co-ordinates **biosecurity** measures to protect the native species found in and along the River Nith.



Brook Lamprey (*Lampetra planeri*)



Lowland Burn

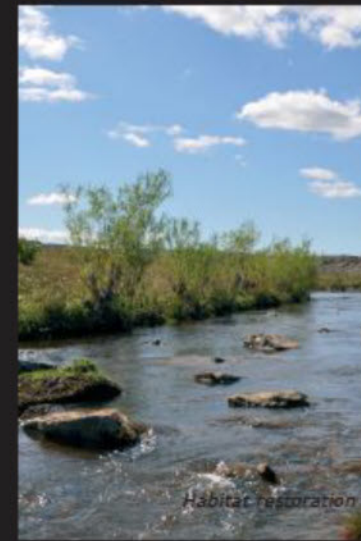
The Nith Catchment Fishery Trust works closely with other organisations with interests in the fisheries found within the Nith catchment, such as the Nith District Salmon Fishery Board, the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency, Scottish Natural Heritage, Solway Heritage, angling associations and clubs and commercial fisheries.



Juvenile salmonids

Monitoring

We are responsible for monitoring the health of juvenile salmonids and other fish populations within the Nith catchment by conducting electrofishing surveys. The data gathered through these surveys is used to determine future management strategies. The Trust also monitors invertebrate populations through the catchment and is keen to co-ordinate an Angler's Monitoring Initiative with The Riverfly Partnership.



Habitat restoration

Conservation

The Trust is involved in various projects to conserve fish populations within the River Nith. Habitat schemes are an effective method of restoring the riverside habitat to its natural state and help to reduce pollution entering watercourses. Fish movement within a river system can be impeded by obstructions such as dams and badly positioned culverts. The Trust endeavours to remove these obstacles whenever possible.