

Dear Friends,

Would you like to work with us?

We're recruiting for **three** different part-time roles - searching for people passionate about cleaning up our rivers and restoring them to ecological health!

All [three jobs are listed on our website here](#) - so please share this link widely. Applications close on the 10th April.

Here are the three roles, linking to their full job descriptions, pay rates and details on how to apply...

Lead Communicator

We're looking for a brilliant communicator to work two days a week to keep the River Wye firmly in the public conversation. This will involve writing and creating content for our website, newsletter and social media channels, liaising with local and national press and making short films about the issues on the Wye. We need someone creative and enterprising, who will travel around the catchment to capture unfolding stories as they happen.

Ranunculus Project Lead for the Rivers Wye and Usk

We're looking for a Project Lead to manage a three-year programme focussed on collecting evidence to contribute to the recovery of water crowfoot on the River Wye and River Usk. We need someone with a strong ecological background and research experience, who's confident organising and managing a research project with multiple partners and presenting its findings in compelling ways.

Citizen Science Volunteer Coordinator and Science Communicator

We're looking for someone to work two days a week, alongside our brilliant existing Citizen Science Volunteer Coordinator, to help coordinate the work of citizen scientists in the catchment, with a focus on managing data and data-based communication. We have hundreds of volunteers testing the water quality every week, sharing their data and reporting pollution incidents. This role has a focus on communicating the findings from our citizen science work -

turning our data into compelling stories which can help inform and drive change to improve the health of our rivers.

Dirty Business



If you haven't yet watched [Dirty Business](#), the three-part drama on C4 about the sewage scandal, then we highly recommend you do. It's made us more determined than ever to keep fighting for clean water. The drama highlights the incredible work of Ashley Smith and Peter Hammond, from [Windrush Against Sewage Pollution](#), whose dogged investigations exposed the scale of illegal sewage dumping and the shocking failures of the Environment Agency.

Our very own Oliver Bullough previously wrote an [excellent long-read for the Guardian](#) about Ash and Peter.

Our Co-Chair Nicola Cutcher was on BBC Radio Hereford and Worcester discussing our response to the series - you can listen to the segment from 2 hours 39 minutes into [the programme](#), with Nicola joining from 2 hours 44 minutes. She said the drama should be a wake-up call to government and put a rocket up the regulators.

Paul Powlesland from Lawyers for Nature also [wrote a brilliant blog](#) responding to the series, sharing his experiences on the River Roding and celebrating the

efforts of river guardians who are stepping up where government and regulators have failed.

Run-Off Reporter

Soil run-off is a major source of river pollution, so if you see it, [please report it](#). We're grateful to filmmaker Mykyta Osadchyi for producing this video for us and to Kim Kaos for presenting.

[WATCH OUR SHORT VIDEO HERE!](#)



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Fish Legal launches Judicial Review over River Wye

[Fish Legal has launched a Judicial Review](#) after the Environment Agency admitted that their own plan to tackle pollution in the River Wye will not work, yet declined to take decisive action to fix it.

The legal challenge targets the River Wye Diffuse Water Pollution Plan, published by the Environment Agency in November 2025. In that plan, regulators accept that existing measures have failed and that even the additional steps now proposed are unlikely to reduce pollution enough to meet legally binding environmental standards.

Despite those admissions, the plan postpones any decision on whether stronger regulator action is required and fails to evaluate the potential of a Water Protection Zone.

Fish Legal says that once regulators accept their approach will fail, the law requires them to identify and assess what additional measures are necessary.

River Action launches Judicial Review against NRW

[River Action has launched a Judicial Review](#) challenging Natural Resources Wales' approval of three expanded poultry farms in Powys, accusing the regulator of "washing its hands" of manure pollution.

NRW says its permitting process doesn't account for what happens to the chicken manure when it leaves the farm boundary.

River Action argues that, properly understood, the law requires NRW to assess and prevent potential pollution impacts that could arise if manure is exported off-site.

River Action's Head of Legal, Emma Dearnaley, said, "Pollution from intensive poultry farming doesn't stop at the farm boundary, and regulation can't lawfully stop there either. NRW has treated the boundary of the installation as the boundary of its regulatory responsibility, even though the environmental harm

caused by excess manure occurs well beyond that line."

Clean Water Now

The real-life stars of Dirty Business, Ash and Peter, were at the House of Commons on Monday, along with lots of other folk passionate about our rivers, to promote a new report by Wildlife and Countryside Link calling for [CLEAN WATER NOW](#). The current UK Government has promised once-in-a-generation change, but their proposals don't yet add up to the transformation needed. Please [read this report and write to your MP](#) to call for the radical actions required.

Online Event: Remember to Remember - Monday 23 March 6pm

On Monday 23 March, River Action is hosting an online screening of 'Remember to Remember', a 17 minute film about the River Wye's Ceremonial Team's work responding to ecological crisis through creativity, love, and collective action.

The screening will be followed by a live Q&A to facilitate a conversation about the role of ritual, ceremony and art in campaigning.

Book your [free place here](#).

Wyeside Arts Centre - Artist Call-Out

Wyeside Arts Centre in Builth Wells is inviting artists living and working in Wales to be a part of their 50th anniversary group open exhibition in the autumn.

They're calling on artists to respond to the theme: [What does the River Wye mean to you?](#)

As ever, thank you for your support!

Friends of the River Wye