

Helping the River Avon

River Restoration on the Avon

On the river Avon, Slamannan Angling Protective Association have led the way working with landowners to improve sections of degraded river.



When the land was intensively managed after WW2 the river was dredged and straightened and the riparian habitat removed resulting in loss of habitat for many species.



SAPA have installed fences, trees, berms and gravel to enhance the river improving it for wildlife. These improvements have started the rehabilitation of the River Avon but there is still a lot of work to do.

Invasive Species Control

Invasive non-native species (INNS) can cause a great deal of harm to rivers. INNS such as Japanese knotweed, Himalayan balsam and giant hogweed were all brought in during the Victorian era. These plants were planted in stately homes as trophies of the owner's expeditions.

The River Avon Foundation have banded together to help tackle INNS along the river. Japanese knotweed, giant hogweed and Himalayan balsam have been treated and controlled for the past 4 years support from the River Forth Fisheries Trust.



Monitoring and support

Monitoring of the River Avon has been carried out by the River Forth Fisheries Trust and the anglers who fish the river. The Trust undertakes surveying of fish populations. This gives the Trust a good idea how healthy, or not so healthy the fish populations are within rivers.



The local angling clubs monitor invertebrates as this gives a good indication on water quality within the River Avon.

