



WELSH DEE TRUST **Conserving, restoring and enhancing the water environment and habitats of the River Dee**

Recently...

Fighting invasive weeds by Pulling and Spraying

Bank tidying at Pentredwr, Abbey Brook

Increasing our profile at Flint and Denbighshire Show

This happy band (right) were among those who helped at the successful 3 day "Balsam Pull organised by Chris Derwent (BYP AA) and Ian Doyle (PAAS) at Bangor on Dee, with the help of Keep Wales Tidy-Well done to Chris and Ian and all your volunteers.

Meanwhile, other trust volunteers have been out spraying the Japanese Knotweed in the Sodlyt/Penylan area (see pic overleaf). The Welsh Dee Trust has now purchased equipment and supplies of herbicide for our trained volunteers to borrow-Contact Richard Lucas



Another happy group (left) from fishing clubs including Llangollen, Maelor, Corwen, Wirral Game and Rossett spent 2 days doing in-river habitat work and Bank Tidying at Pentredwr on the Abbey Brook. Using a hired skip and their own trailers, general rubbish and potentially toxic discarded silage wrappings were removed from this area.

It was important to carry out this work prior to the arrival of the expected increase in numbers of migratory fish, which we are hoping for, after the easing of their access over the Abbey Brook weir which is taking place this month-see overleaf.

The Welsh Dee Trust, in conjunction with the Clwyd and Conway Trust, took a stand at the Flintshire and Denbighshire Show in August. This gave an opportunity to increase our profile and explain our work and aims to members of the general public. At times the stand was extremely busy with interested people and at the end of the day, our volunteers were hoarse from continual talking!



Future Plans..

Abbey Brook Weir easement by “Rocky Ramp” this month.

Electro-fishing course for volunteers scheduled for October.

The War against invasives continues!

This month sees the start of work on the long awaited easement of Abbey Brook Weir, which, in the past, has held up the upstream migration of salmon and sea trout and been a renowned poaching location.

The chosen design is a state of the art “Rocky Ramp” fish pass that looks extremely natural as well as helping migration of other species including eels.

In conjunction with the EAW and the IFM, the WDT has organised an electro-fishing training course for our volunteers on the River Alyn at Rossett to take place over the last weekend in October.

Electro-fishing is an important way of assessing fish stocks and so gauging the need for or the success of our in-stream habitat improvement schemes.



Ed Spraying the dreaded Knotweed at Sodylt

The trust plans to continue the fight against invasive weeds by combining with other groups already working within the Dee catchment, both in England and Wales. It is important to identify and collate what the various people are doing-pulling, strimming spraying etc. By sharing this information, not only can we support each other in this sometimes overwhelming task, but most importantly, we can formulate a catchment wide management plan to manage then eradicate this great threat to our wonderful riverbanks.

If you would like to get involved then please contact us for more information on volunteering and our future projects

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