



## Conserving, restoring and enhancing the water environment and habitats of the River Dee

### Ongoing programme of habitat surveys on Dee Tributaries

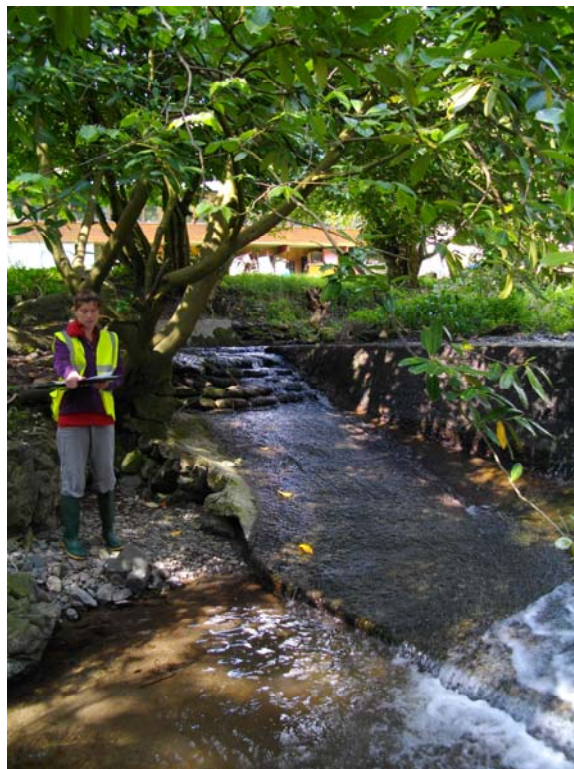
### How YOU can get involved and improve things on the Dee

#### Habitat surveying on Dee Tributaries

Afon Cymru organised a highly successful training day in survey techniques at Bala, In April .

Following this, teams of trained volunteers have been carrying out walkover surveys on various tributaries in the Dee Catchment. The aim of these surveys is to identify stretches where the habitat is less than ideal for spawning and juvenile salmon. For instance, some stretches may be markedly damaged by farm stock causing erosion of banks with widening and shallowing of the stream and removal of bankside vegetation, which previously provided cover for juvenile salmonids. They can also identify and assess barriers to fish migration which could be removed/eased. This information is fed back to the trust and various sections can be selected for schemes for habitat improvement and easement of barriers.

Surveys have already been completed on Abbey Brook, Afon Ro and Trefnant Brook, with further ones already planned on the AfonMorwynion and Hirnant



Joanna, volunteer, surveying on Abbey Brook



Flood damage causing mine washings to enter Trefnant brook

### Would you like to join our volunteers?

We are looking for interested, enthusiastic people to help with our current and future programme of projects. Our invasive weed control project requires volunteers to help map out areas affected by **Japanese Knotweed** and **Himalayan Balsam**. If the stretch you fish or walk is affected, we will be able to provide large scale maps for you to record it for future eradication. If you would like to help with or receive training in programmes such as habitat surveying and fly life monitoring we can provide equipment. Just contact us for a volunteer registration form

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