

Press Release



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Rivers charities unite to exhibit at South of England show

A group of Rivers Trusts based across the south came together to volunteer at the South of England show for the first time this year.

The Arun and Rother Rivers Trust, Ouse and Adur Rivers Trust and South East Rivers Trust worked together under one marquee, sharing their work, concerns and plans with around 150 visitors to the agricultural show.

Rivers trusts represent catchment areas across England and Wales. The Arun & Rother Rivers Trust (ARRT), which was formally registered as a charity in May 2012, is one of the newest members of the network, supported by the national umbrella body The Rivers Trust. The Rivers trusts work hard to protect, conserve, and enhance the rivers, streams, watercourses and water impoundments in the catchments they serve.

Sir Sebastian Anstruther, Chairman of the Arun & Rother Rivers Trust, said of the show: "Attending this hugely successful and popular show gave us a fantastic opportunity to meet people in our catchment and talk to them about why we are here and what we aim to achieve.

"We met a diverse range of people at the show, with a variety of interests and concerns, from fish to floods. It was clear, however, that all of those we met were joined by a passion for their local environment and are keen to get involved in helping to make improvements. We have much to do to protect and improve our rivers in the south and by working with the neighbouring rivers trusts, local people and other interest groups, I am convinced that even the most complex issues can be addressed."

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Notes to editors:

For more information about the Arun & Rother Rivers Trust visit:

<http://www.arrrt.org.uk/>, the Ouse and Adur Rivers Trust at:

<http://www.oart.org.uk/> and the South East Rivers Trust at:

<http://www.southeastriverstrust.org/>