



## South Cumbria Rivers Trust

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*Caring for the rivers, lakes and wetlands of the southern Lake District*

### Mission and Scope

South Cumbria Rivers Trust (SCRT) is a new organisation. Our mission is to protect, conserve and restore all aspects of our natural heritage of lakes, tarns, rivers and becks and estuaries in South Cumbria. We will do this by:

- Developing a full and comprehensive science based understanding of the problems associated with the waters of South Cumbria
- Developing proposals to restore healthy and sustainable aquatic environments.
- Influencing individuals and organisations that impact our catchments
- Delivering projects and monitoring results
- Raising awareness in the local population, businesses, tourism interests, riparian owners and farmers to promote a protective attitude towards their local waters.

Our area includes the Bela, Kent, Leven, Crake and Duddon catchments. In addition there are many other minor rivers that provide habitat for migratory salmonids and a variety of other important species. The main lakes are Windermere and Coniston, and there are numerous other lakes and tarns.

### Five year Vision

Our five year vision is for an effective, professional and self sustaining charitable Trust that:

- Has surveyed and mapped all of the important rivers and becks in our area.
- Is carrying out water quality and ecological surveys on a regular basis and is developing a comprehensive database of information to monitor trends and identify problems.
- Has developed and shared a good understanding of the main issues associated with the waters of South Cumbria, and is promoting ideas for further improvement
- Has completed many habitat improvement projects on all of the main catchments and some of the minor ones, and these are delivering benefits in terms of improved biodiversity.
- Is continually improving our waters for conservation and fishery purposes; particularly salmonid stocks.

### Our Partners

The Trust can only be successful if it operates in partnership with other key organisations who have interests and aims in common.

Our partner organisations are the Environment Agency, English Nature, Cumbria Wildlife Trust, Freshwater Biological Association, National Trust, Friends of the Lake District, Furness & South Cumbria Fisheries Consultative and the Association of Rivers Trusts.

### What we need

- Support from anglers, fisheries and riparian owners across all our catchments
- Financial contributions; via brochure slip or donation form (available from web site)
- Volunteers with enthusiasm and local knowledge for work parties and to help identify problems, decide what we can do about them and get permission from the landowners. If you want to help please do get in contact.

*Find out more and stay in touch by visiting our web site [www.s crt.co.uk](http://www.s crt.co.uk)*

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