



The River Dee



Save the Spring June 2024 Update

■ Habitat restoration plans progressing for the River Muick priority area.

Save the Spring is a partnership between the River Dee and Atlantic Salmon Trust, supported by the University of Stirling and University of Highlands & Islands Inverness.

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Habitat Restoration Planning

- With wild Atlantic salmon smolts now in the rearing programme, June 2024 has been a time for planning upcoming habitat restoration activity and important maintenance at existing sites.

The habitat team carried out important maintenance works on native tree planting sites in the Gairn and Clunie catchments in June, as well as along the Muick - the Save the Spring priority work area for 2024 and where the programme's wild Atlantic salmon smolts were captured from.

Work along the Muick included Trico application on young trees to prevent deer browsing and maintenance on enclosures, fencing and tree tubes.

Further planning and preparation work continued on several large restoration projects being delivered by the River Dee team elsewhere in the Dee catchment this summer, including projects on the Geldie, Girnock, and Gelder. It is hoped that these efforts will link in with the Save the Spring programme in the future when it expands to other areas.

The River Dee team also sent contracts for ground works out to tender and, following this, evaluation contracts were awarded to appropriate contractors for this summer's installation works.

Pre-work ecological surveys and site mark-outs have been completed.

In order to communicate to the public about what is happening in the River Muick priority area, the River Dee team and Atlantic Salmon Trust got together in late June to record a short video which is now available on the Atlantic Salmon Trust's YouTube channel.

Watch our new video explaining how habitat restoration efforts in the River Muick priority area are progressing



Areas of native riverside tree planting located in the River Muick priority area

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Fundraising

You can support Save the Spring as an individual or an organisation. Contact the Atlantic Salmon Trust's Corporate Ambassador, Mark Cockburn, to see how you can help.

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Volunteering – Boots on the ground

If you would like to register your interest as a project volunteer, either for the habitat restoration or fish capture elements of the programme, please contact the River Dee team at info@riverdee.org

Spread the word – Your voice matters

In order to maximise the potential of the Save the Spring initiative, we need you to help spread the word! Follow and share our **#SaveTheSpring** social media posts to help the project reach an even wider audience.