

# Arun and Western Streams Project Officer mid-project Review Report

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## The project

Following the culmination of the successful Arun and Rother Connections HLF Project there has been a lack of capacity to develop further project work in the AWS catchment. The Arun and Western Streams Catchment Partnership sought to fund a project officer (3 days a week) to develop projects and seek funding. The post will be funded for one year and with the proviso that they bring in enough project work and funding to sustain the role over consecutive years. This has worked very successfully with OART in the Adur Ouse Catchment.

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### Project partners

- Arun and Rother Rivers Trust
- Arun and Western Streams Catchment Partnership
- Environment Agency
- Southern Water
- Portsmouth Water

## What are the project successes to date?

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To date the project officer has focused on a review of the priorities for the catchment, this has included walkover surveys and meeting key partners.

The project officer has also begun to take forward a couple of specific projects and has developed partnership funding for one of these, the restoration of the Ambersham loop. This is a project aimed at restoring the river to the natural channel and creating additional wetland habitats. Partners to date include the Arun and Rother Rivers Trust, Environment Agency and the Cowdray estate.

The project officer is finalising a list of priority projects for the catchment and key stakeholders and partners and will be seeking to develop further projects and funding bids over the coming months.

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### What are the concerns and why?

- 1) Identified risk: fails to generate projects to become self-sustaining.

The concern is that the post fails to generate enough project income to become self-sustaining in the one year time slot. Indications to date are that there is plenty of potential projects and a range of partners that could make this post self-sustaining.

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### What changes, if any, are required to the project action plan and why?

The plan is the responsibility of ARRT and the project officer, indications are that no changes are required at present.

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### Assess the current financial status of the project.

TOTAL project cost:	£29400
SDNPA	£5000
Arun and Rother Rivers Trust	£10000
Environment Agency	£5000
Environment Agency	£5000
Southern Water	£3000
Portsmouth Water	<u>£2000</u>
	£30000

This is core funding for a post for one year, as such expenditure to date is pro rata on salary and no changes are required.

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### Comment upon the progress made towards the sustainability of the project outcomes in the long term.

- 1) Post will become self-sustaining as is a model at other trusts. Indications to date are that there are plenty of potential projects and a range of partners that could make this post self-sustaining.
- 2) If this cannot happen then a review will be made by the Catchment partnership. The catchment partnership receives regular reports and is monitoring the development of projects and the viability of the post.

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### Appendix I

Output or outcome	Progress to date
Sufficient funding raised to make post self-sustaining	Indications to date are that there is plenty of potential projects and a range of partners that could make this post self-sustaining. Some funding has already been secured.

