

South Cumbria Rivers Trust (SCRT) works in collaboration with the Environment Agency (EA) and Natural England (NE) to identify, scope and deliver work that benefits the special nature of the River Kent. The River Kent and its tributaries are designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and a Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

# BOWSTON WEIR REMOVAL PROPOSAL – UPDATE: January 2021



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## BOWSTON- A BRIEF UPDATE

SCRT met with the Burneside Parish Council Biodiversity Group in early January to discuss their habitat retention proposal submitted to South Lakeland District Council (SLDC). The meeting notes from this meeting can be found on our website: <https://scrt.co.uk/what-we-do/current-projects/bowston/>

This proposal reflected a number of habitat and biodiversity concerns raised by local residents in respect of the Bowston weir removal. We have listened to these concerns and are taking them very seriously. As such, we are currently reviewing the original design to try and accommodate the existing habitats on the right-bank above the weir. Remodelling is currently taking place to assess what impact retaining these habitats will have and if they can be retained without affecting the re-naturalisation of the river post weir removal.

We have asked for an extension from SLDC in respect of the current planning application, to allow for this additional remodelling time. We must stress that there is no guarantee this review will come back with changes in respect of this habitat but we are working hard to see if it is possible.

This extension has been requested for the 19<sup>th</sup> of February 2021 but has not yet been confirmed by SLDC.

We will continue to update all interested parties with new developments and relevant information as soon as possible, via e-mail and on our website.

Regards,

The SCRT Team

## CONTACT US

Please contact us at [admin@scrt.co.uk](mailto:admin@scrt.co.uk) if you have any questions and we will do our best to answer them as soon as possible.

All information and updates to date can be found on our website: <https://scrt.co.uk/what-we-do/current-projects/bowston>