

Item requested by Croston Parish Council

Cllr Peter Fenemore has suggested a project to improve the River Yarrow and tributaries as part of an effort to improve the environment in this area.

The suggestion is along the following lines:

It is intended to start looking at ideas with the hope of implementation later in the summer, when the weather improves and hopefully the vaccine campaign will allow relaxation of some of the COVID restrictions.

The most tangible aim would be to remove as much litter as possible to improve the local environment and reduce the contamination reaching the coastal beaches and the sea.

It would also be good to identify places where sewage contamination of the rivers could be reduced. This could allow greater enjoyment of at least parts of the river for paddling, bathing, canoeing etc.

Control of INNS could also be included.

There could be scope to create leaky dams and hedges to improve water and wildlife quality with incremental flood mitigation.

There is scope to overcome some of the effects of COVID recent restrictions by promoting outdoor volunteer projects to rebuild teamwork and relieve social isolation.

CBC could take a lead in promoting this proposal and inviting volunteer participation. Where appropriate, assistance with training could be offered.

There will be a need to be realistic and recognise that perfection will not be attainable but that even with isolated moderate successes - every little helps.