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# Upper Mersey Catchment Partnership (UMCP)

Collaboration with  
Stockport Council (SMBC)



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# Highlights Summary



## Introduction of our Role

- What Stockport gets from UMCP
- How Stockport works with UMCP



“No Man is an Island” – John Donne





# What SMBC gets from UMCP

- Working in the UMCP provides SMBC with outside **knowledge** and **resources** that would otherwise not have been available in-house.
- The UMCP as a charity-led plan gets more **community support** than a council-led plan would alone.
- SMBC are able to build new **relationships** through different **contractors** through the UMCP, that would otherwise not been on our framework.
- There is a **sharing of knowledge, data and evidence** within the UMCP, that allows SMBC to access more information than before.
- There are **visible results** on site within the borough such as many leaky dams.



On site works were completed last year in Hazel Grove were nine leaky dams in Mirlees Field and New House Farm Wood.



# How SMBC works with UMCP

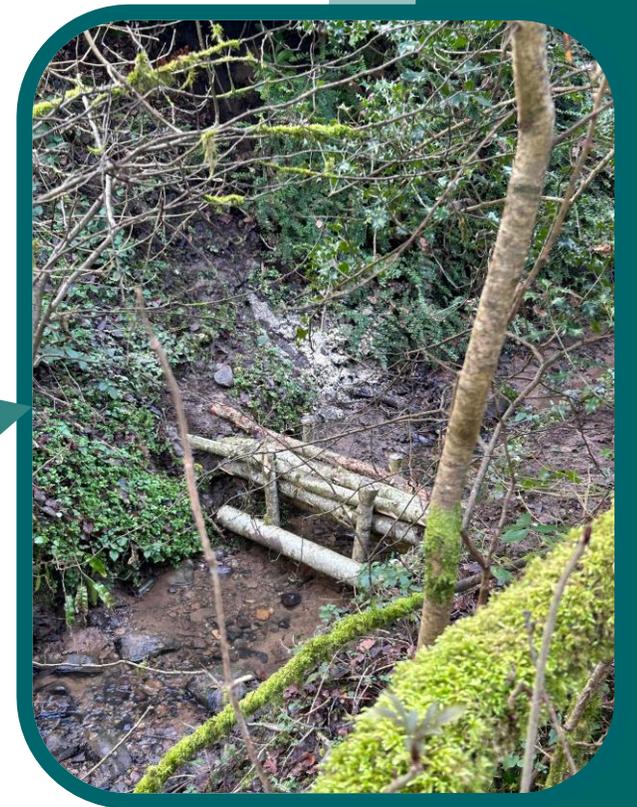
- SMBC works within the UMCP in many ways, and has been since as early as 2014.
- We are currently collaborating on large multi-year projects such as:
  - Norbury Programme (Micker Brook)
  - Poise Brook Scheme.
- With many other projects such as:

## Complete

- Lower Fold leaky dams
- Cheadle Golf Club basin
- Mirlees Field leaky dams
- Happy Valley Restoration
- Bruntwood Park leaky dams and wetland

## Planned

- Torkington Park leaky dams
- Cown Edge way leaky dams and secondary channel
- Romiley Golf Club NFM
- Cheadle Golf Club leaky dams





# How SMBC works with UMCP II

Below is also how we continue this collaboration:

How we build on Partnerships	Examples
<b>Commitment</b>	We have been meeting with the UMCP at least quarterly since as early as 2014, collaborating on big multi-year plans as well as many other smaller projects to help our rivers. It needs a lead.
<b>Time</b>	Support for the Partnership is not just turning up at meetings. Ideas and influence shapes the way forward to get change.
<b>Discussion</b>	Agenda for meetings with comments on targets and actions welcomed. Opportunities to present information.
<b>Open Communication</b>	Discussion is key to set shared objectives and focus to the group. Programmes and plans are presented freely.
<b>Engagement</b>	Without us listening to others and giving our advice the group would not succeed. There are many problems that we work together to understand.
<b>Enthusiasm</b>	The Council working with other local authorities and bodies makes us more keen to do schemes, as we have seen to what can be done in other places of the Upper Mersey. Our and others involvement has moved to group to collaboration
<b>Non-exclusion</b>	Everyone is able to join the group. It tends to be professionals but we are supported by volunteers and Members of the Public, Stakeholders or anyone who has an interest in our Rivers.
<b>Multi-discipline</b>	Knowledge is gained from many disciplines such as scientists, engineers, geographers, geologists, water companies, anglers, bird-watchers, conservationists, arboriculturists, businesses, landowners, the public, and many more... all included in the partnership.

**Thank you  
and good luck with  
successful partnering**

