

Riverwatch Launch Report 2015.

Kerry 22nd April

The River Kerry Riverwatch scheme was launched in April in collaboration with the Wester Ross Fisheries Trust. It was part of the Wester Ross Fisheries Trust Nature and Soup Trail Week. The launch involved a meeting in the morning with a talk to discuss pearl mussel crime and how to report it, followed by a site visit to the River Kerry, hosted by Peter Cunningham from Wester Ross Fisheries Trust to look at pearl mussel habitat. 8 People attended the launch.



Naver & Borgie 15th & 16th May

The Launch for the Naver and Borgie was combined to one launch event – an evening talk in Farr Edge, Bettyhill. The talk lasted for over an hour and 18 people came. The following day I had a stand at the Bettyhill Museum Festival and interacted with at least 25 people.



Ardnamurchan 4th June

The Ardnamurchan Riverwatch launch was held at the UHI Kilchoan Learning Centre in the evening as a talk. The talk lasted over an hour with over 30 people attending. Feedback received was very positive with many attendees requesting posters and leaflets to take away and put up.



No Photo of the presentation was taken at the Ardnurchan RW launch, however an attendee wrote a brilliant post about it in his blog, which gets thousands of views.

<http://kilchoan.blogspot.co.uk/2015/06/pearl-mussels.html>

Fort William 24th June

A Fort William Riverwatch launch was held in June at the Glen Coe Visitors Centre, only 5 people attended. The launch took the format of an evening talk and slideshow. This Riverwatch combined the Moidart, Rannoch Moor and Glen Mama SACs. Feedback from the attendees was good.



South Esk 7th July

An evening talk was held at the Scottish Wildlife Trust in Montrose to launch a South Esk Riverwatch. Jackie Webley – Project Manager attended and gave a presentation on the PIP project and the restoration in the South Esk catchment. Then a Riverwatch talk was given, 24 people attended and feedback was very positive and enthusiastic.



Moriston 29th July

The Moriston Riverwatch event was in collaboration with the Ness and Beaully Fisheries Trust and the Highland Council Rangers. A freshwater pearl mussel day was held at Glen Moriston estate. A Riverwatch talk was given to the 7 attendees after they had a demonstration of electrofishing and pearl mussel habitat by NBFT. Chris Daphne previous Riverwatcher and current NBFT biologist collaborated on the Riverwatch talk.

