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**Better Water Quality Conference, 27 June 2023 -  
Wales Water Management Forum**

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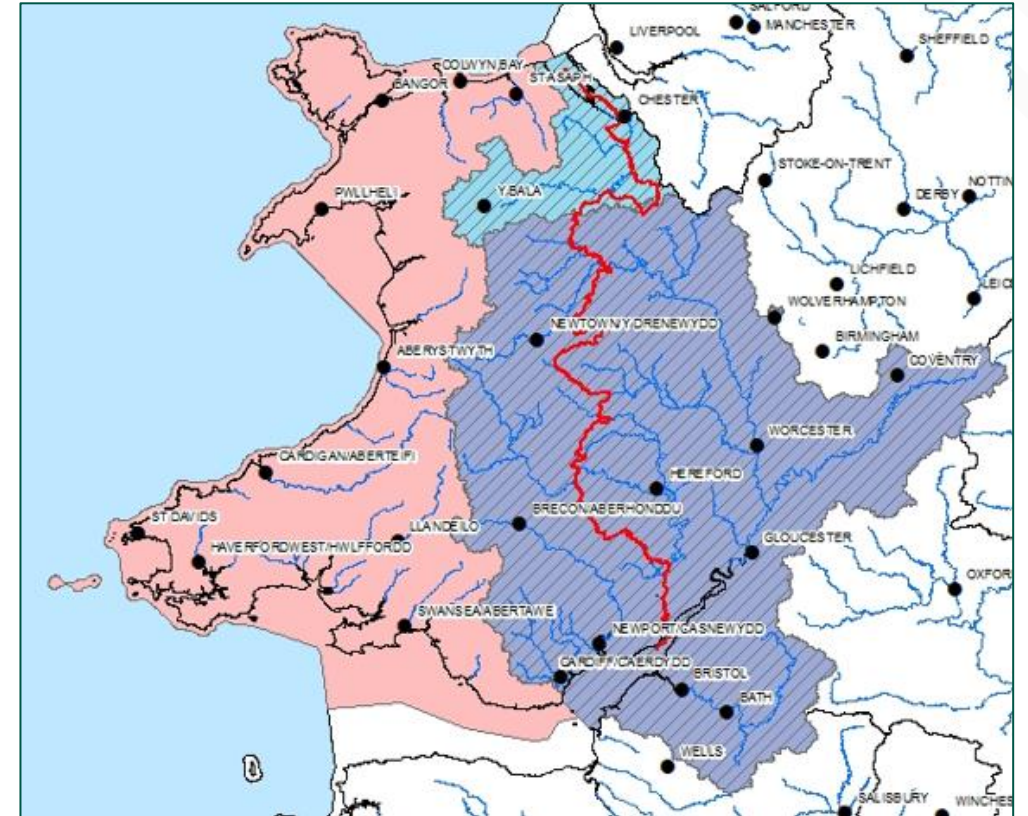
# The Wales Water Management Forum

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## What is the WWMF - background

- Shift from the River Basin District Liaison Panels to a broader forum for Water across Wales
- First meeting December 2018, agreed Terms of Reference in place April 2019
- Act as River Basin District Liaison Panel



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## Links with other fora

- **Link with Wales Land Management Forum, Wales Fisheries Forum, the Wales Marine Advisory and Action Group and the National Access Forum for Wales**
- **Also any relevant sub such as, for example, the Clean Seas Partnership and the WLMF agriculture sub group on agriculture pollution**
- **The forums/sub groups and/or chairs meet as required and may organise joint workshops or**
- **meetings to explore areas of common interest or concern. NRW members will also exchange routine updates to ensure connections are proactively made and acted upon**
- **All Wales event?**



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## Purpose

To provide an opportunity for Natural Resources Wales (NRW) and the Wales Water Management Forum (WWMF) membership organisations to share evidence and explore opportunities for working together to achieve the sustainable management of water from source to sea, in Wales



# Who's involved and format

## Who

In addition to the chair of the Forum and the relevant policy and operational leads, NRW is represented by an Executive Director/Leadership Group Member

- Chaired by NRW's Board Member, Professor Steve Ormerod
- Secretariat is Ceri Jones

All WWMF organisations represent members who are directly involved in water management. Membership is reviewed and agreed by members of the Forum

## Format

- Meet Virtually twice a year (first field trip in May 2023)
- Information published on [Web site](#)

The screenshot shows a webpage for the Wales Water Management Forum. At the top, there is a teal navigation bar with the text "Home > Guidance and advice > Environmental topics > Water management and quality". Below this is a large teal header with the title "Wales Water Management Forum" in white. The main content area is white and features a table of contents under the heading "In this section". The table lists five items: 1. Purpose, 2. Membership, 3. Meetings, 4. Agendas, papers and minutes, and 5. Contact details. To the right of the main content is a grey sidebar titled "Forums" which lists three forums: Wales Fisheries Forum, Wales Land Management Forum, and National Access Forum for Wales. Below the table of contents, there is a section titled "Purpose" with two paragraphs of text. The first paragraph states that the forum provides an opportunity for membership organisations to share evidence and explore opportunities for sustainable water management in Wales. The second paragraph states that the forum also explores opportunities to develop, support and communicate shared messages and recommendations on the sustainable management of natural resources. At the bottom, there is a paragraph stating that the forum will work with the Wales Land Management Forum, Wales Fisheries Forum, and the Wales Marine Advisory and Action Group (WMAAG).

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## Wales Water Management Forum

**In this section**

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**Forums**

- Wales Fisheries Forum
- Wales Land Management Forum
- The Wales Land Management Forum's group on agricultural pollution
- National Access Forum for Wales

### Purpose

The Wales Water Management Forum (WWMF) provides an opportunity for the forum's membership organisations to share evidence and explore opportunities for working together to achieve the sustainable management of water in Wales - from source to sea.

The WWMF also explores opportunities to develop, support and communicate shared messages and recommendations on the sustainable management of natural resources.

WWMF will work with the [Wales Land Management Forum](#), [Wales Fisheries Forum](#) and the [Wales Marine Advisory and Action Group \(WMAAG\)](#). The forums and/or chairs will meet as required.

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## Topics of interest in the last 12 months

- **Citizen Science**
- **Water Framework Directive Regulations - Classification and updated River Basin Management Plans**
- **Drought**
- **Storm Overflow Roadmap**
- **SAC Project Work**
- **Water company water resource planning – Water Resources West work**



# Opportunities through research?

## NRW Water Evidence needs

### Through WWMF?

**Climate change, whole catchment approach, nature –based solutions, effectiveness fo approaches, communications**

[Home](#) > [Evidence and data](#) > [Research and reports](#)

## Water environment collaborative research priorities

Natural Resources Wales has developed a list of opportunities for collaborative research projects relating to the water environment in Wales.

The priorities outline an early indication of the research themes and projects which present opportunities for collaborative working with partners and academic institutions.

The evidence needs can be roughly categorised as:

- Water quality
- Monitoring
- Water resources
- Land management
- Ecosystems

[Download Water Evidence Needs for further details.](#) [Word 439.8Kb]

We welcome all enquiries and comments from those interested in working collaboratively with NRW to deliver our research needs. We are keen to hear of existing and planned research that could meet our needs, or if you have views on priorities or gaps in knowledge we have not identified.

Please [email comments to: WFDWales@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk](mailto:WFDWales@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk)

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