



## Eden Local Agenda 21 Cumbria Green Build Fortnight 2007

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# Eden Rivers Trust

The River Eden catchment and tributaries collectively form a major natural feature in Cumbria. It is a significant resource, and a vital component of Cumbria's natural capital. At the same time it is highly vulnerable to human impacts. The Eden Rivers Trust promotes and facilitates responsible stewardship of the river system.

Cumbria Green Build Fortnight teamed-up to promote the Eden Rivers Trust's "Big Splash" event in Carlisle. Flowing through Rickerby Park, the lower reaches of the River Eden were host to water-based and riverside activities, including a River Pirates Raft Race, canoe races and fishing games.

### Recent and forthcoming Eden Rivers Trust Sustainable Building activities:

1. Eden Rivers Trust built a shelter and boardwalk for school children to use when visiting a wetlands reserve. Local timber from a sustainably managed source was used in the construction, and of course consideration had to be given to the types of treatments and stains used on the wood. The site has no mains power or water, so the Trust is now planning to build composting toilets.

Shelter & boardwalk: Greenspace Designs Ltd. Oakhampton 01837 861664

2. Eden Rivers Trust were concerned that the weir above Little Salkeld Watermill was too high to be negotiated by smaller fish. This was affecting natural replenishments of fish stocks upstream. Their solution was to commission a fish pass to be built, using local materials and dry-stone technique.

**All works undertaken by Eden Rivers Trust or their contractors must be preceded by a 'Methods Statement', one of the primary aims of which is to minimise environmental impacts. Clearly some minor short term impacts might be expected in pursuance of greater longer term environmental benefits.**

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