

You are cordially invited to the:

River Dove Catchment Consultation Event



Tuesday 26th February 2013

At Ashbourne Town Hall

10.00 am until 3.00 pm

Lunch and light refreshments will be provided

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What is the Consultation Event?

This consultation event forms part of a catchment planning process that the Trent Rivers Trust is leading so that it can develop a catchment plan for the River Dove incorporating the ideas and aspirations of all those people and organisations with an interest in the river. We hope to talk with local residents, landowners and tenant farmers, anglers, rambles, wildlife conservationists, Government agencies, elected representatives and council officers and other recreational user groups.

Why should I come to the consultation event?

This event is being organised so that the Trent Rivers Trust can learn more about your vision of the River Dove and its catchment. What improvements would you like to see made to the river and its surrounding environment? What is important about the river and why do you and/or your members or neighbours value it? What are your priorities for future action?

What will happen at the event?

The aim of the event is to get as much honest feedback as possible from everyone that attends. We want everyone to get involved in a number of different participatory discussions and exercises in order to learn as much as possible about your views regarding the river and the immediate catchment. There will be a number of very short, informative presentations but these will simply provide some background information to prepare you for the workshop sessions. We want to hear from you, not talk to you about what we think! A delicious locally sourced hot meal will be served and light refreshments will be available throughout the day. Weather permitting, the programme will also include a short walk down to a picturesque section of the River Dove to further inspire your thoughts and contributions.

What will I get out of the event?

We hope that the day will be interesting for all those involved and that everyone will have the opportunity to contribute their thoughts and ideas as well as learn from others in the room. We will prepare a report that will outline the vision for the catchment containing actions as a result of your input so you will be able to see how your contribution has helped to shape the future of the River Dove.

What happens next?

The report that will be produced as a result of this event will be submitted to Government and will form the blueprint for future action in the catchment. We anticipate that there will be funding available in due course to enable the key actions identified to become a reality. So by coming along on the day and having your say, you really can make a difference in this catchment. Thank you for your time and we look forward to seeing you on 26th February 2013. If you are not able to attend, please do nominate a colleague. Thank you.