

## Old Durham Beck: Renewed

Northumbrian Water and Wear Rivers Trust have partnered up to deliver environmental improvements to 7.8km of 'bluespaces' in the Old Durham Beck catchment from April 2022.

Bluespaces are areas around water that are freely accessible to our customers via road, footpath, bridleway or other public right of way. The bluespaces impacted by this project are highlighted in purple on the featured map.

## Invasive Species Removal:

Invasive Giant Hogweed will be controlled and removed throughout the catchment, in a concerted attempt to eradicate this invasive species. This will benefit three waterbodies and the River Wear downstream and allow the re-colonization of native flora. Access to and enjoyment of the water environment will be improved by the control and removal of Giant Hogweed which currently presents a real risk of harm to the public from hogweed sap burns.

## Instream Flow Detectors:

12 instream flow deflectors will be installed immediately downstream of the Pittington Wastewater Treatment Works site, helping to maintain ecological function in the watercourse

## Water Quality Improvements:

Northumbrian Water will deliver a scheme to remove phosphorus in the Old Durham Beck which will improve its ecological status (currently at Poor and Moderate status)

## Habitat Creation and Restoration

Local wildlife sites will benefit from invasive species removal and water quality improvements and will be targeted for habitat creation and restoration to improve habitat connectivity along the riparian corridor.

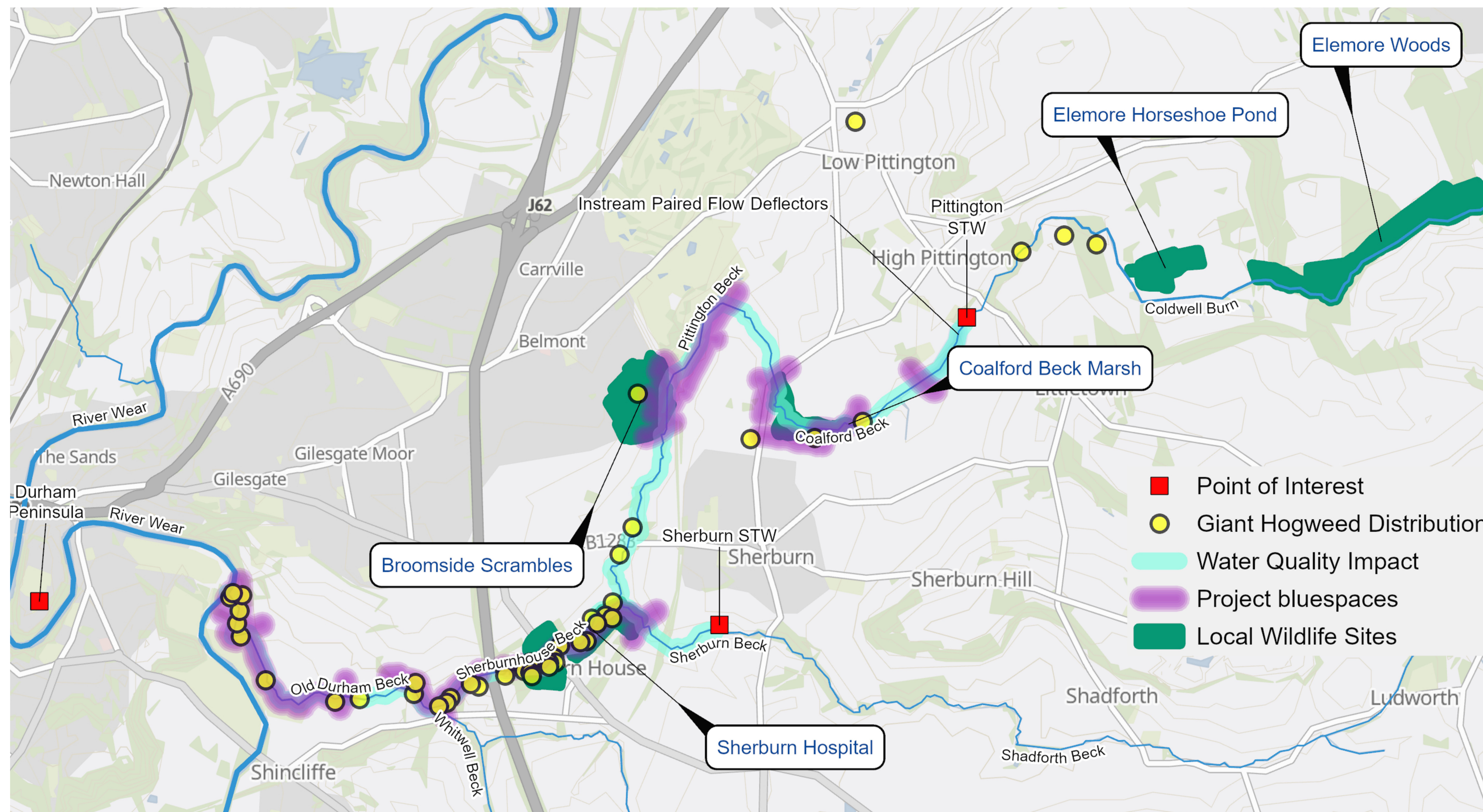
## Volunteering Opportunity:

Wear Rivers Trust would like to encourage volunteers to assist in delivering environmental works throughout this project. If you are interested becoming a volunteer or need extra information about volunteering, please get in touch.

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Giant Hogweed near public access at Sherburnhouse Bridge (November 2021)



Giant Hogweed in full bloom at Coalford Beck (July 2021)



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