

Longdike Burn Wetlands

Northumbrian Water and Northumberland Rivers Trust are working in partnership to deliver environmental improvements to 4.3km of bluespaces in the Longdike Burn catchment from May 2022.

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

Wetland Creation:

Wetland habitat creation will be undertaken across 7 areas in the catchment, at Longhorsley Moor, Longhorsley Wastewater Treatment Works, and Northumberland Country Zoo. In total, approximately 0.21 ha of wetland priority habitat will be created through this project, enhancing habitat connectivity across the river corridor and promoting wetland species within the catchment.

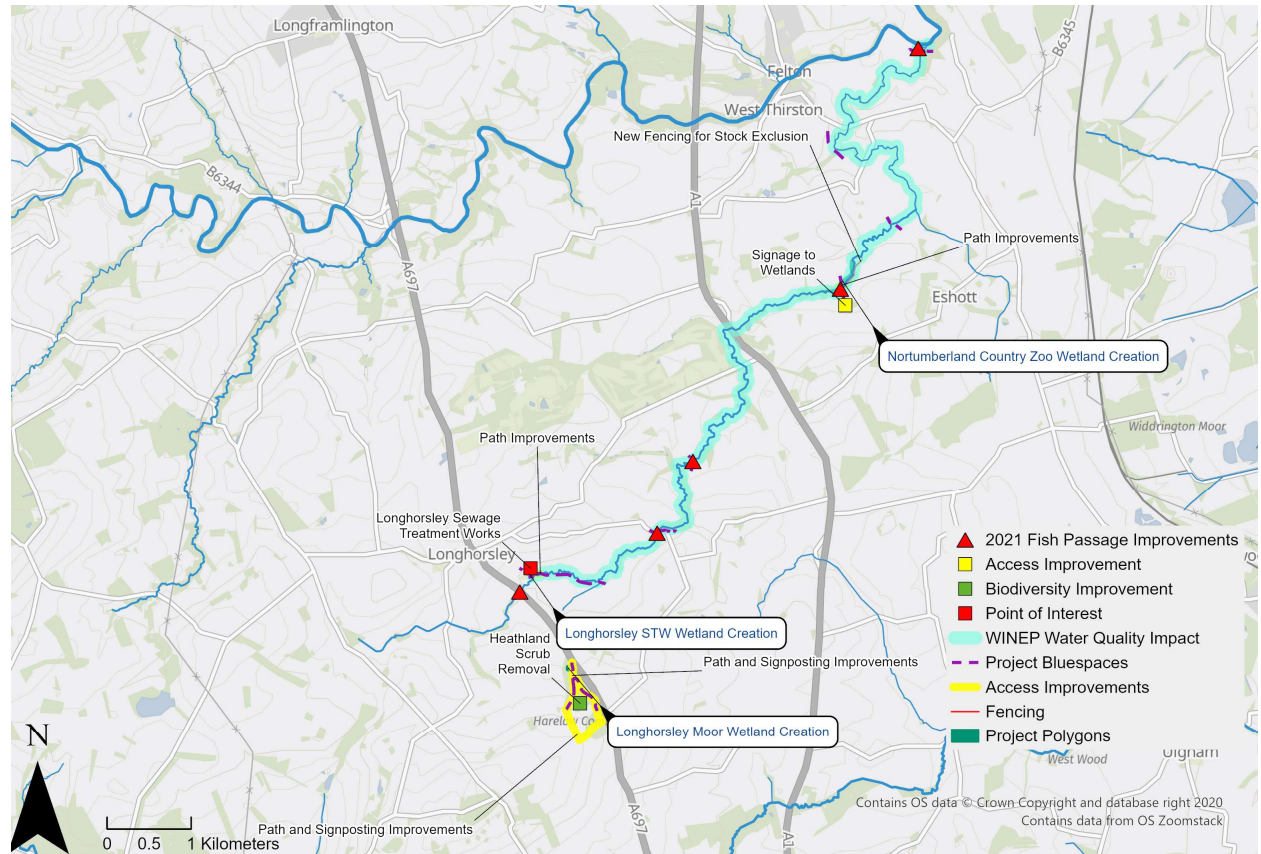
Water Quality Improvements:

By December 2024, Northumbrian Water will deliver a scheme to remove phosphorus at Longhorsley Wastewater Treatment Works which will help improve the ecological status of the Longdike Burn waterbody (currently at Moderate status)

Access Improvements

Access improvements are planned at Longhorsley Moor in partnership with Longhorsley Parish Council. These include scrub removal, path improvements and new signposting. Other identified areas of bluespaces across the project area, will be visited by volunteers during the project to assess and promote access to the Longdike Burn for local communities and visitors.

Guided walks will be also delivered at the main project sites and in partnership with Northumberland Country Zoo, offering improved opportunities for engagement with the water environment.



Proposed wetland site near to Longhorsley Wastewater Treatment Works



The Longdike Burn at Paxton Dean Ford



Longhorsley Moor access and signposting issues