

Guardians of our Rivers; the Spey story



Spey
Catchment
Initiative





Getting started....

- Discussed with Rebecca over winter 2022/23
- Opportunity to take advantage of
 - Adopting tried and tested model
 - Training
 - Equipment
 - Contribute to national scheme
- Volunteer recruitment
 - Steering group and other contacts
 - CNPA volunteer ranger service
 - Social media



Site choice

- location of volunteers
- manageable size tributaries
- accessibility (practical and landowner support)
- link to planned/future restoration projects





After our first season...



Successes

- Core group of 15 – 20 volunteers established
- Good level of identification skills
- WhatsApp group
- Enthusiasm, friendships and fun!



Challenges

- Maintaining engagement through the winter
- Moving towards volunteer leadership
- Long term sustainability?

