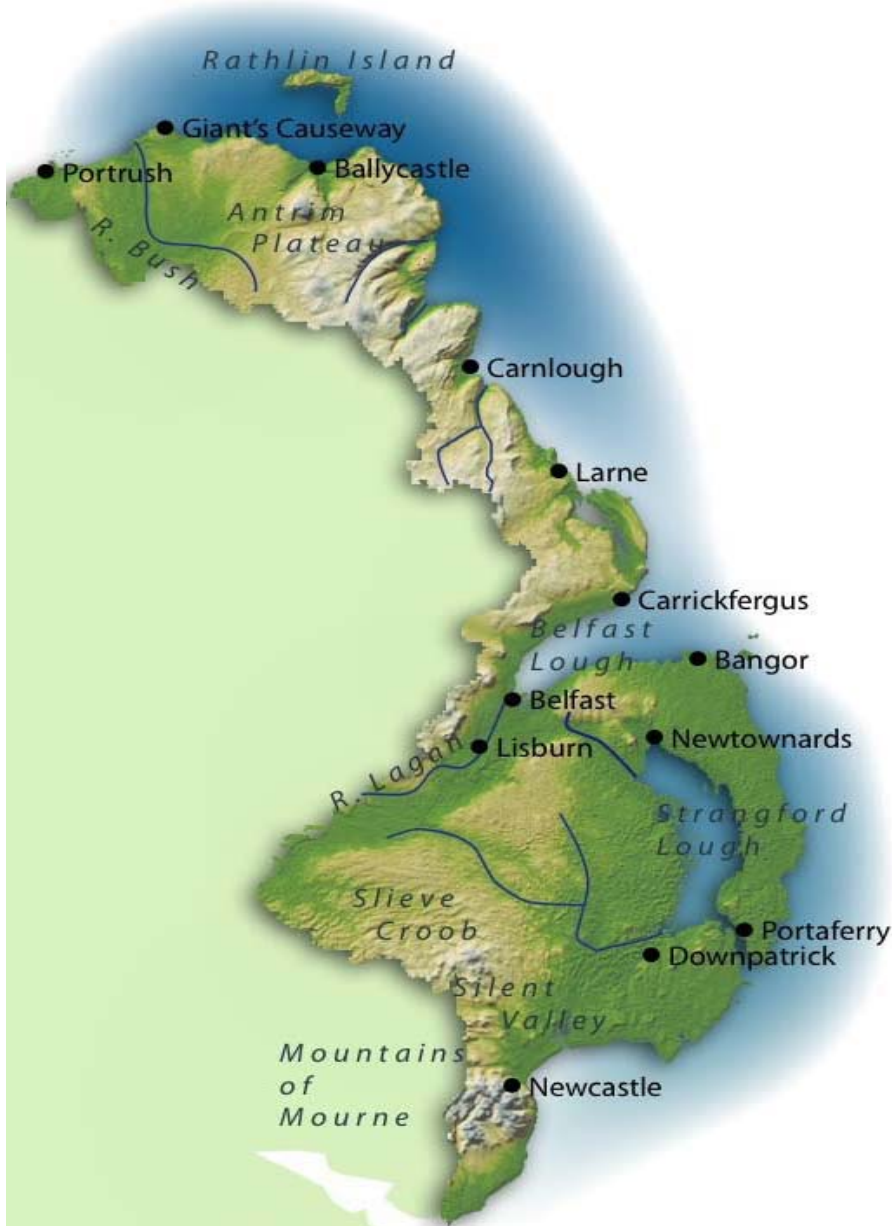


The role of the Catchment Officer and the way forward for the group

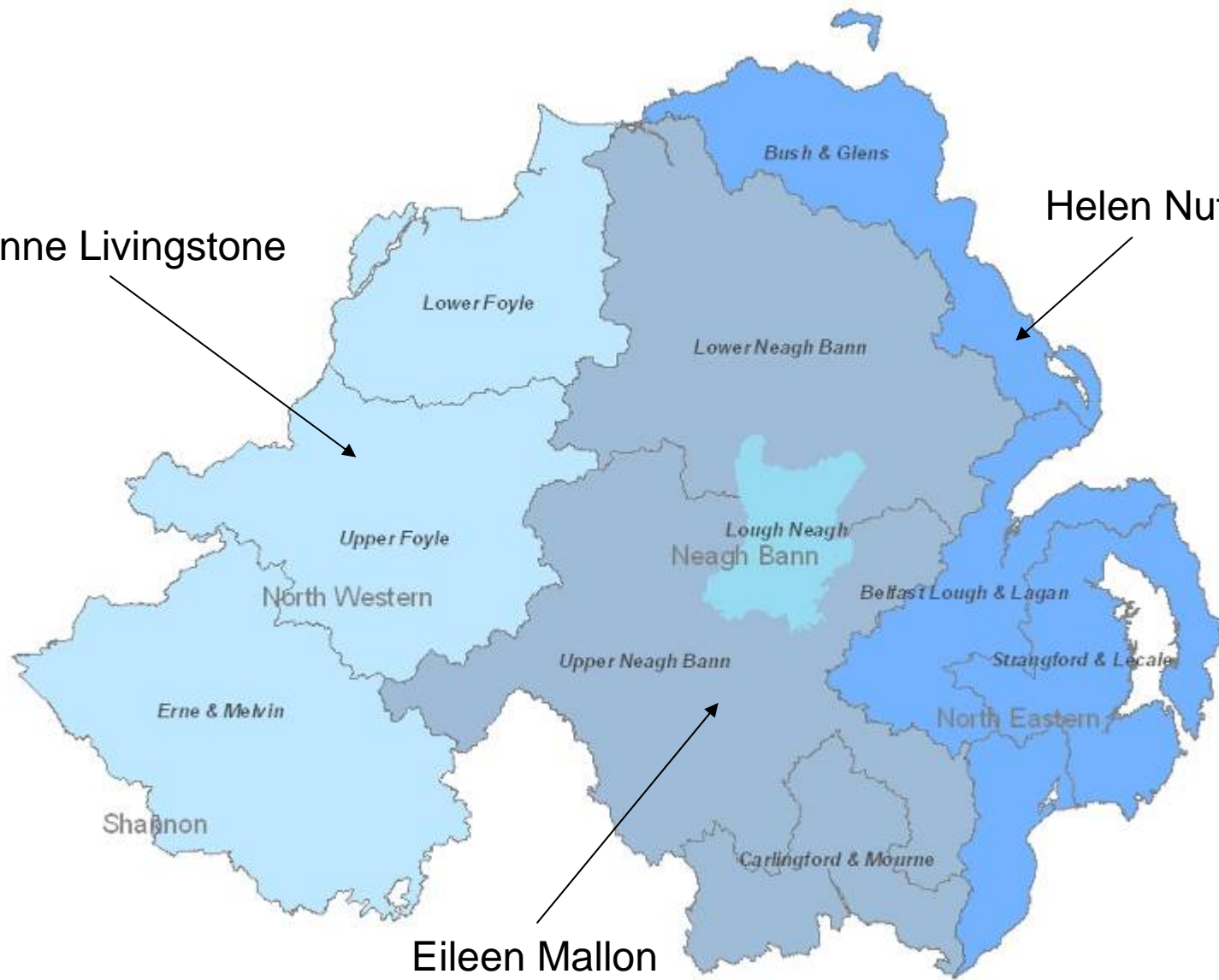
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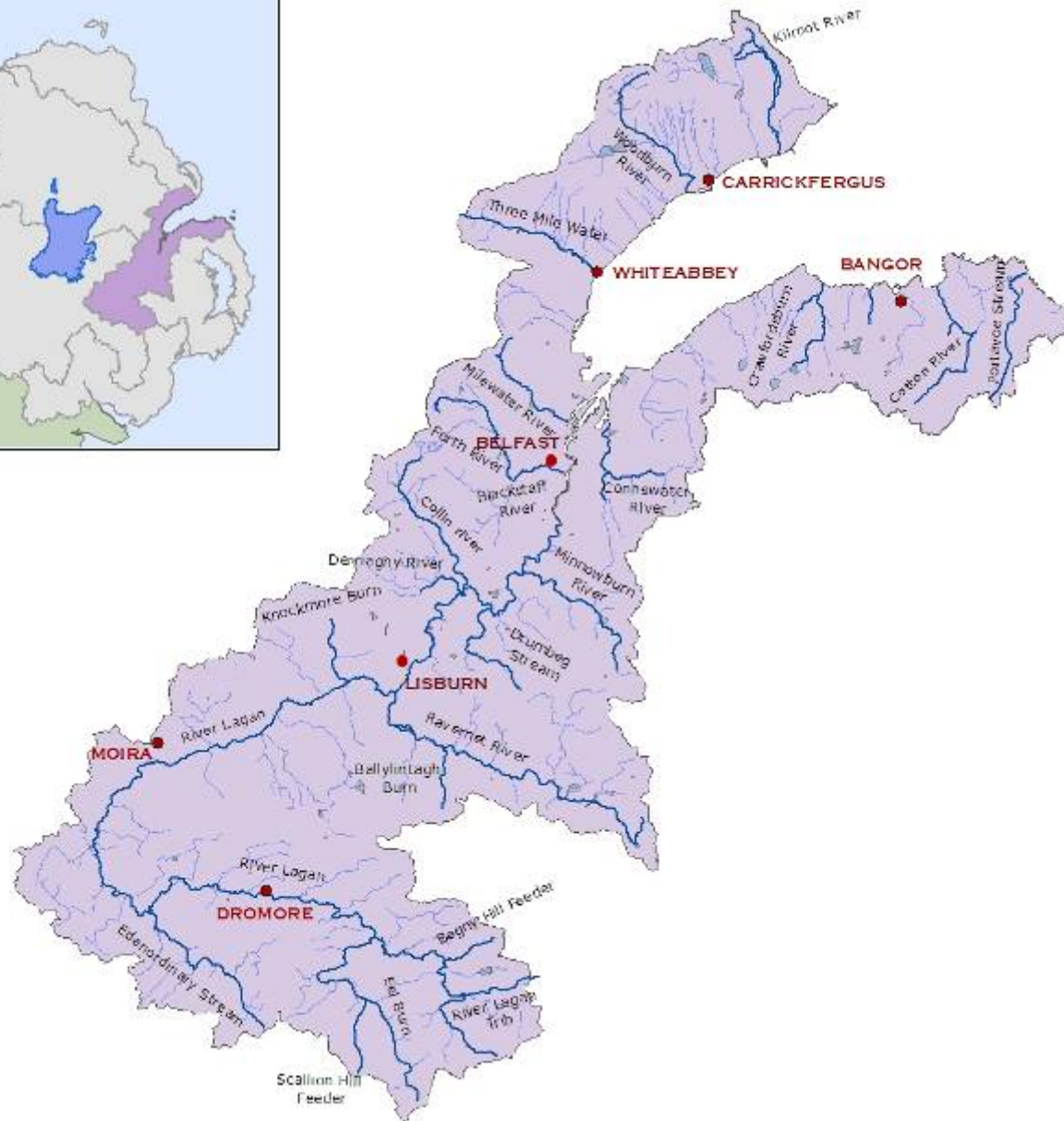
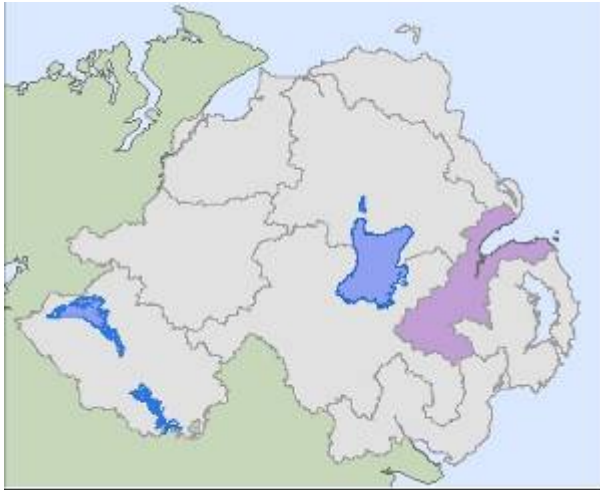


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Catchment Officer role

- Coordinate Catchment Stakeholder Groups
- Highlight stakeholder concerns to relevant bodies
- Encourage information exchange and raise awareness
- Ensure stakeholder input into River Basin Management Plans
- Facilitate stakeholder engagement
- Encourage water quality protection and enhancement projects
- Support water management committees/ working groups
- Coordinate Targeted Catchment Action Plans

Working with

- Interested parties
- Community groups
- Local Biodiversity Officers
- NGOs
- Government Departments/ Companies
- Environmental experts
- Local Angling Clubs & Ulster Angling Federation Ltd
- Farmers, Ulster Farmers Union & NIAPA
- Industries – Quarries, Hydropower, Aquaculture
- Recreational water users
- Etc.

Working aims

- Develop strong links with interested parties
- Exchange information, advice and knowledge
- Address local water quality issues
- Work together towards a common goal

Targeted Catchment Action Plans

E.g. The Six Mile Water

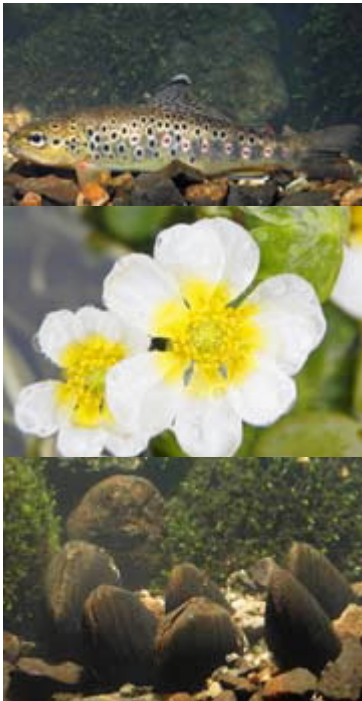
- Historical problems
- Local interest
- Number of users and pressures
- Met with stakeholders to develop an issues log
- All issues delegated for action



Category	Issues	Comments
WWTW	Sewage discharge - sewage debris on river bed	Latest: stat sample taken.
WWTW	Pumping station at XXX causing problems	Details of severity/number of reports of pollution incidents to be checked. Obtain NIW info. Visit to be conducted.
Industrial	LHS bank upstream from XX - culvert with oil & effluent.	'Wheeled' camera survey to be arranged.
Industrial	XXXX Ltd.- oil discharge.	Pre-notice served.
Septic Tanks	XXX Road. Sullage problem - septic tanks and washing machines discharging to the river.	River walks required with subsequent dye testing - a consents issue.
Agriculture	XXXX Road - farm - overflowing slurry tanks and slurry dumping at dark.	Stat sample taken.
Misc.	Local Biodiversity Officer working on project on Sentry Lane.	Meeting on 18/12/07 - Local Residents and Rivers Agency and LBO planning to clean and realign the waterway. Copy of plans to be obtained.
Abstraction	Small turbine at XXX has been operating without grills	DCAL contacted for response/ action.

RIPPLE

Rivers Involving People, Places & Leading by Example



- Ballinderry River, Co. Tyrone
- community-based project
- WWF & Ballinderry Fish Hatchery Ltd.
- Vision for future management, conservation & use
- Vision launch on 3rd April in Cookstown
- www.wwf.org.uk/ripple

PAIRS

Projects Aiming to Improve aquatic ResourceS

- Register of projects
- Increase awareness of local projects
- Sharing information and successes
- Learning from the experiences of others
- Building partnerships between complimentary projects

http://www.ehsni.gov.uk/water/wfd/public_partic/pairs.htm

Way forward for the group

- Your views and priorities
- Future meetings
 - format,
 - venues,
 - speakers,
 - agenda items
- Ideas and actions for the future...

If you have any issues you'd like to
discuss

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