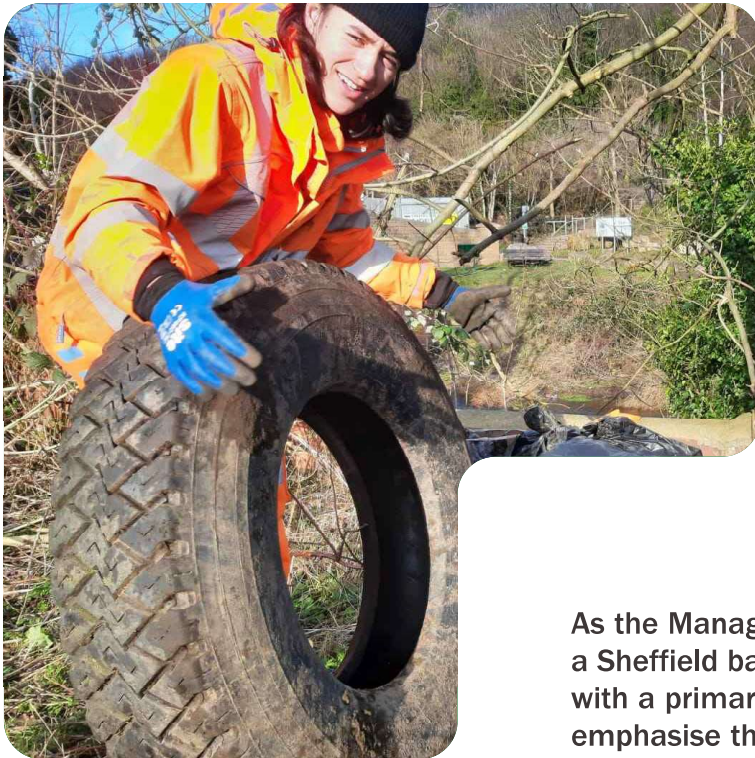


What the future holds for the organisation

Neil Hodgson, Managing Director



“We are working towards a future where environmental restoration is not only a business imperative but also a force for positive societal change.”



As the Managing Director of River Stewardship Company, a Sheffield based leader in delivering environmental services with a primary focus on river restoration, I am proud to emphasise the significant social impact our organisation has achieved and our commitment to continue delivering social value to the communities of South Yorkshire.

Our commitment extends beyond the immediate practical work we deliver; it encompasses fostering positive change for communities and through empowering individuals to build sustainable careers in the environmental sector.

As a responsible corporate citizen, we understand that our success is intertwined with the well-being of the communities we serve. By focusing on work to mitigate flooding for the businesses and communities of Sheffield as well as to improve habitats for wildlife and green/blue spaces for people we produce a valuable social impact. This is not only measurable in terms of data but in the stories of people who have been impacted by this work.



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Examples of our Social Impact



TRAINING

125

Number of hours spent delivering at local schools and colleges teaching about the value of River Management

7

Number of weeks delivering training opportunities

72*

Number of weeks delivering apprenticeships

54.5

Number of weeks delivering work placements

*Based on our two apprentices during the 22-23 financial year. Each one working towards their apprenticeship for 31 weeks of the year (x2 for the two apprentices). Employing and training apprentices is an important part of our business model and our commitment to social impact to help people start off their careers in the environmental sector. In the 2022-23 financial year our 2 apprentices both completed their apprenticeships with Distinction grades.



DECARBONISATION

At the moment this is mainly achieved through our gradual switch to electric vehicles and tools, currently reducing our carbon output by approximately 21 tonnes per year.

Additionally through some of our contracts we conduct work which sequesters additional carbon.

Since 2011 River Stewardship Company has planted over 76,000 trees and our involvement with Moors for the Future has seen us establish 71 hectares of sphagnum moss in the same period with the potential to sequester an additional 4934 tonnes of CO₂.



HEALTH & WELLBEING

All our health and wellbeing work is done through our quarterly wellbeing walks that we host on the rivers and 'blue spaces' in and around Sheffield. In the 22-23 year that included a snowy walk along the upper Porter Brook, a walk along the Rivelin Valley and a combined wellbeing walk and litter pick along the Tinsley stretch of the canal.