

# Getting our act together on surface water data

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**The Derwent Data Finder project will explore whether a collaborative monitoring system could help the Environment Agency and other organisations to reduce costs and to gather more useable information.**

Focusing on the Yorkshire Derwent, the project will develop an online metadata database that can point users to a variety of sources of information that they may not even have known existed. This will encourage the sharing and collation of data to address catchment management issues.

It will demonstrate whether the data currently collected is helping to address surface water and other catchment management issues, save costs by preventing duplication of effort, and inform future monitoring investments by identifying knowledge gaps.

The Yorkshire Derwent is one of five catchment 'prototype projects' that have been chosen by the Environment Agency as part of its national review of monitoring, so the learning from the project will be helpful further afield.

**Partners:**

Environment Agency, University of Leeds, Yorkshire Derwent Catchment Partnership.

**Duration:**

July 2018 – January 2019

