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## Artist Brief: Celebrating the River Cain

### Introduction to Severn Rivers Trust

The River Severn is longest river in the United Kingdom, stretching 220 miles from its source in the Cambrian Mountains in Powys Wales, through the counties of Shropshire, Worcestershire and into Gloucestershire to the iconic Estuary. The culture and economies of the historic settlements across the catchment have been intertwined with the river through commercial navigation, fishing, water supply and trade. Today, the Severn's rivers continue to play an essential role in supporting wildlife, wellbeing, and economies of the region. We are living through a time of great change. We are in the middle of a biodiversity crisis, and a climate emergency. We are witnessing disastrous loss of habitat, collapse of ecosystems, erosion of precious soils, increased flooding and devastating drought.

At Severn Rivers Trust we are fighting for a future where our children and grandchildren can enjoy healthy vibrant rivers teeming with diverse and wonderful life – from Atlantic salmon to white clawed crayfish, and from freshwater pearl mussels to European eel.

The Severn Rivers Trust's vision for the Severn is:

***A healthy, resilient river Severn for everyone.***

The Severn Rivers Trust is the only organisation that works across the entire River Severn Basin area in both England and Wales, some 11,500 square miles! We are a proactive and adaptable team of dedicated staff. Our motto is "We get our feet wet" – meaning we make things happen on the ground and constantly strive to make a real and positive difference for the river and its communities.

### Introduction to the projects

The Cain Valley Sustainable Land and Water Management project is funded under the Welsh Government Rural Communities – Rural Development Programme. Sustainable Management Scheme 2014-2020.

The project runs from March 2021 to June 2023, is led by a steering group of landowners and community representatives supported by Severn Rivers Trust. The broad aims are to improve in-river habitat for fish and other wildlife, to protect rivers from damage from stock ingress, to encourage natural flood management by increasing woodland cover and restoring a network of hedgerows and to install farm ponds and wetlands by supporting a network of local contractors.

## Funder logos:



## Project aims:

- Improved fisheries habitat and erosion control through installation of woody debris such as soft revetment
- Installation of a ditch bridge
- Building and installation of 4 Otter holts
- Control of invasive Himalayan Balsam
- Control of invasive Japanese Knotweed
- Log seating installation at community field
- Installation of interpretation boards at community field
- Provision of hand tools for community group
- Community path and scrub clearance and bench installation at Llansantffraid
- Creation of 4 farm wetlands and 6 wildlife ponds
- Creation of new farm track to limit ground poaching
- Installation of water troughs to limit stock access to river
- 1.5ha of new woodland planting
- Installation of good quality stock fencing to protect new woodlands and hedgerows.
- Increased connectivity of habitats and protection of watercourse, by planting and restoring hedgerows.
- Guided half day visits to community field with schools, Mencap & community groups (6)
- Half day training days for land-based studies students from Llanfyllin High School, project farmers & the community. (6)

Community engagement is at the heart of the project. The project promotes a greater respect and understanding of the special habitats and species of the river Cain, including Otter, Atlantic Salmon, Kingfisher, Dippers and river invertebrates such as Mayfly and Stonefly.

## Artist brief

To produce designs ready to be printed onto two interpretation panels, to be arranged by the Severn Rivers Trust Community Officer. Please ensure designs include the funder logo, SRT logo and fit bilingual Welsh and English text (please specify if you are including the cost of translation). All depictions of wildlife must be accurate to the location and habitats in the project area.

You will work with Severn Rivers Trust to produce art works which will be placed on two interpretation panels at Cae Bodfach Llanfyllin. You will also work with the local community to create designs which celebrate the river Cain environment and surrounding farmed landscape.

The design must be an interpretation of the natural world, of sustainable land management, our responsibility to look after it, and the multiple benefits of trees in the landscape, for climate, for flooding, for farming and for wildlife. The interpretation boards will create accessible, safe, and inspirational spaces, where local residents and visitors can enjoy nature, creating opportunities for healthy outdoor recreation.

You will deliver 1 x ½ day outdoor based sessions with BTEC Agriculture students from Llanfyllin High School at one of our project farms, 1 x ½ day outdoor based session with the Cain Valley River Group and 1 x ½ day session with Llanfyllin Primary School.

All design costs to include permission for SRT to use them in ongoing projects, including sharing with our partners and funders to promote our work. Artists will be credited on all reproductions.

## Introduction to the location

Cae Bodfach, Llanfyllin Powys SY22 5AH is Llanfyllin Town Council's public open space. It is made up of several elements: a Keep Wales Tidy Green Flag Award winning community open space (Sustainable urban drainage scheme.) A community forest garden orchard, A Coed Cadw community woodland, A community fuel resource, a wild bird nest box scheme and artificial otter holt and a Heritage variety orchard of cider and Perry pear trees, and a mountain bike pump track.

## Timescale

Sessions to be delivered before February half term 2022, designs to be finalised by Easter holiday 2022.

The design will feature on two interpretation panels at Cae Bodfach, Llanfyllin, where it will become the property of Llanfyllin Town Council.

The artist will be supplied with Severn Rivers Trust and project funder logos, for inclusion in the design.

## Selection & Eligibility

Artists applying need to demonstrate community arts experience and experience of delivering arts workshops to schools and community groups. Artists will be required to work alongside and guide SRT project staff and volunteers to ensure participant safety and engagement.

## Application Procedure

Artists are invited to submit, via email to [lisabarlow@severnriverstrust.com](mailto:lisabarlow@severnriverstrust.com):

- Project Proposal (Maximum 2 sides of A4) addressed to Severn Rivers Trust, Unit 3 Hope House Farm Barns, Hope House Lane, Martley, Worcester, WR6 6QF
- A minimum of 5 images / case studies of previous work
- Directions to relevant social media channels
- Current CV
- DBS certificate number and date of issue (If you do not hold a current DBS, you must be willing to undertake one before you are engaged by the Trust)
- Copies of safeguarding and health and safety policies, and of activity risk assessments (if you do not hold these, please arrange to sign an agreement with the SRT policies)
- Copies of public liability insurance
- Two referees (one work based and one character reference)

For further details, please contact Dewi Morris [Dewi.morris@severnriverstrust.com](mailto:Dewi.morris@severnriverstrust.com).

**Deadline for submissions:**

**22 November 2021.**