

Share your views of engagement undertaken for the Lower Otter Restoration Project

Residents in the Lower Otter area are being invited to help us understand the effectiveness of community engagement undertaken by the team who have developed, and are delivering, the Lower Otter Restoration Project.

Independent researchers from the University of Exeter are seeking to represent the different types of knowledge from people in the area and their experiences of the scheme. The aim is to identify lessons from community engagement related to the Lower Otter scheme. It is hoped this will inform effective local approaches to coastal climate adaptation in other future projects across Europe.

Taking part will involve participating in three workshop meetings with a group of local residents, facilitated by the independent researchers. These workshops are designed to allow all participants to work with and learn from each other, by sharing views and experiences of living in the lower Otter valley and the engagement undertaken by those delivering the Lower Otter Restoration Project during the development and delivery phase.

The workshops will involve sharing your knowledge and experiences of living in the areas around the Lower Otter (Budleigh Salterton, East Budleigh, and Otterton) and sharing your views on risks posed by flooding, climate change or the project itself.

The main thing is that you are willing to attend, participate, listen, and respect different views. No expert knowledge or preparation will be required.

The findings will be available publicly and will be reported to the '[Promoting Adaptation to Changing Coasts](#)' cross-border initiative, which is financially supported by the Interreg (VA) France (Channel) England programme.

To express your interest in taking part, please complete a short, online questionnaire here: <https://forms.office.com/r/1fi6zFm8Yy>

Alternatively, you may express interest and answer the questions by telephone. To do so, please call 01392 725315. This phone line will be open on weekdays between the hours of 9.30am and 3pm.

Your answers to these questions will help the researchers to understand participant backgrounds and help to ensure that a range of community views on the LORP programme will be represented. This means that we may not be able to ask everyone who expresses an interest to attend the workshops.

Further information about the project is also available at the survey link, which will remain open until 9am on Monday 13th December.

Following this date, individuals will be invited to participate in the series of three workshops, to be held throughout 2022. Before the first workshop, participants will be asked to read and sign a consent form.

Participants will be able to claim a £10 participant payment for their contributions towards each workshop that they attend.

If you have any questions about this research, please email the University researchers on: r.e.auster@exeter.ac.uk or s.w.barr@exeter.ac.uk.