

Your guide to who's who



ENVIRONMENT
AGENCY

Introduction

Our aim is to protect and enhance the environment in a sustainable manner. We will work in partnership with local authorities and other interested parties. We will be business-like and make a real, positive difference to the environment for the benefit of the whole community.

This will be achieved by:

- Preventing and controlling pollution of land, water and air, the latter in association with local authorities;
- Contributing to the cleaning up of contaminated land;
- Protecting people and property from flooding and providing effective flood warnings;
- Maintaining, developing and improving salmon, trout, freshwater and eel fisheries;
- Furthering nature conservation;
- Facilitating water-associated recreation;
- Providing an effective emergency service,

24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to respond to flooding, pollution incidents and fish kills.

The Environment Agency has eight regions covering England and Wales. The North East Region stretches from the Scottish Border in the north to the Humber Estuary in the south, from the Pennines in the west to the North Sea in the east.



Berwick Swans



Holy Island



- Northumbria Area
- Dales Area
- Ridings Area

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AREA MANAGER – RICHARD CRESSWELL

Heads the Northumbria team responsible for the whole range of activities under Environment Agency control.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Manager – *Ashley Cooper*

Responsible for ensuring that waste is properly managed and disposed of in order to avoid harm to people or pollution of the environment. This is achieved by legal controls including the registration of waste brokers and carriers, licensing of waste treatment and disposal sites, the provision of guidance and advice, inspection and monitoring of waste operations and taking enforcement action where necessary.

Waste Regulation Officers –

- Durham –
John Fairey
- Northumberland –
Sean Pruce
- Tyne and Wear –
Alan Holmes

Waste Management

Licensing –

- Durham –
Jim Scott
- Northumberland –
Ian Haswell

- Tyne and Wear –
Tony Farthing

Enforcement –

- Durham –
Peter Toffrey
- Northumberland –
Karen Heatley
- Tyne and Wear –
Martin Lancaster

Waste Strategy & Information –

- Durham –
Peter Thompson
- Northumberland –
David Fellows
- Tyne and Wear –
John Normanton

Transfrontier Shipments and Special Wastes – *Stuart Carrick* *Alan Young*

Registration of Waste Brokers and Carriers – *Graham Gardner*

INTEGRATED POLLUTION CONTROL

Manager – *Andrew Harrison*

Responsible for the regulation of major polluting processes for the more complex industrial sites. Authorisations are issued for processes setting conditions

for compliance specified for Integrated Pollution Control (IPC). This sets out release limits to air, water and land. The authorisation will require improvements and

may from time to time need to be varied. Compliance with the authorisation is continuous and requires frequent inspections to ensure conditions are being adhered to. Responsible for authorising and registering the keeping and disposal of radioactive substances, limiting the quantity of material stored and controlling releases to the environment.

Pollution Inspector –

- Wear Valley, Easington, Sunderland, North Tyneside, Newcastle, Gateshead –
Martin Whitworth
- Castle Morpeth, Chester-le-Street, Wansbeck, Tynedale, Durham, Gateshead –
Bill Miller
- Blyth Valley, South Tyneside, Derwentside, Berwick, Alnwick, North Tyneside –
Eric Burkes

Team Coordinator – *Marie Stapleton*

Technical Administrator – *Julie Corps*



Blyth Power Station

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OPERATIONS

**Manager –
Ray Innes-Anderson**

Responsible for teams carrying out emergency and river engineering maintenance in the Area. Provides 24 hour response teams to deal with pollution and flooding emergencies.

**Contracts Engineer –
Harry Harrison**

**Works Agent –
Peter Angus**

FLOOD DEFENCE

**Manager –
Ron Watson**

Responsible for ensuring protection of people and property from flooding from rivers and the sea by providing an efficient and effective flood defence service in the Area.

The department exercises general supervision over all matters relating to flood defence, issuing consents under Byelaws, Land Drainage and Water Resources legislation. As well as managing watercourse maintenance programmes, maintenance of existing defences and capital improvement schemes to reduce the incidence of flooding, a flood warning and flood forecasting service is

provided to ensure adequate notice is given of likely flooding in the Area.

**Project Engineer –
Tony Hardwick**

**District Engineer –
● Tyne and Wear –
Kim Andrew**

**● Northumberland –
Alan Cadas**

**Area Emergency
Coordinator –
Paul Dodds**

FISHERIES, RECREATION, CONSERVATION AND NAVIGATION

**Manager –
Godfrey Williams**

Responsible for the fisheries, recreation, conservation, and biological interests of the Area. Maintains, improves and develops fisheries throughout the Area. Manages biological work in the Area's rivers, estuaries, marine and coastal environments. Promotes recreation and conservation policies.

**Principal Ecology Officer –
John Orr**

Senior Ecologists

**● Fisheries Science –
Karen Miller**

**● Freshwater Biology –
Anne Lewis**

**● Conservation –
Colin Blundel**

**Area Fisheries Officer –
Ivan Swaile**

**Recreation Officer –
Barbara Pike**

**Hatchery Manager –
Peter Gray**

WATER RESOURCES & QUALITY

**Manager –
Howard Taylor**

Responsible for protecting and improving the water quality and water resources in the Area. Ensures environmental protection through pollution prevention advice, backed up by a monitoring programme, and enforcement where necessary. Balances water abstractions to meet the needs of users whilst safeguarding the water environment.

**Principal Hydrogeologist –
Martin Kershaw**

**Principal Water Quality
Planner –
Malcolm Helm**

**Principal Technical Officer –
Eddie Douglas**

**Environmental Protection
Principal –**

**● Northumberland –
Alan Hunter**

**● Tyne –
Jim Lancaster**

**● Wear –
Steve Brooker**

NORTHUMBRIA AREA

KEY FACTS

Area	7,394 km ²
Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty	2
National Parks	1
Sites of Special Scientific Interest	200
Environmentally Sensitive Areas	1
Population	2.0 million
Annual Rainfall	600-1,800 mm
Rivers (monitored for quality)	1,997 km
Rivers (for flood defence purposes)	1,005 km
Length of Coastline	140 km
EC Designated Bathing Beaches	25
Water Abstraction Licences	350
Discharge Consents	3,700
Major Industrial Processes	95
Sites Using, Storing or Disposing of Radioactive Waste	200
Registered Waste Carriers	2,582
Waste Management Sites	315
Registered Waste Exemptions	594



Northumbria Area stretches from the Scottish border to the Wear Valley. It includes the catchments of the Rivers Coquet, Tyne and Wear and contains some of the most rugged and

beautiful countryside in the UK. With a population of over two million, the Area is one of contrasts. An inheritance of industrial change has left contamination whilst the rural areas are becoming increasingly important for tourism and leisure. It is important to achieve a balance between protecting our

natural heritage and achieving economic development. There are approximately 200 Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), and a number of Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The Northumberland coast, from Berwick to Druridge Bay, is designated as a Heritage Coast.

**PLANNING &
BUSINESS SERVICES**

**Manager –
John Hogger**

Responsible for the coordination and production of Local Environment Agency Plans, processing of planning consultations and liaison with local planning authorities. Provides financial information and effective administration in support of Area activities. Responsible for ensuring delivery of effective customer services and the dissemination of information within and outside of the Agency. Coordinates effective business planning in order to promote good business practice and monitors performance in the Area.

**Business Accountant –
Nick Hodgkinson**

**Business Support Officer –
Isabell Eastwood**

**Planning Liaison Officer –
Suzanne Hall**

**Catchment Planning Officer
(Local Management Plans) –
Tom Warburton**

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