

# Week Two

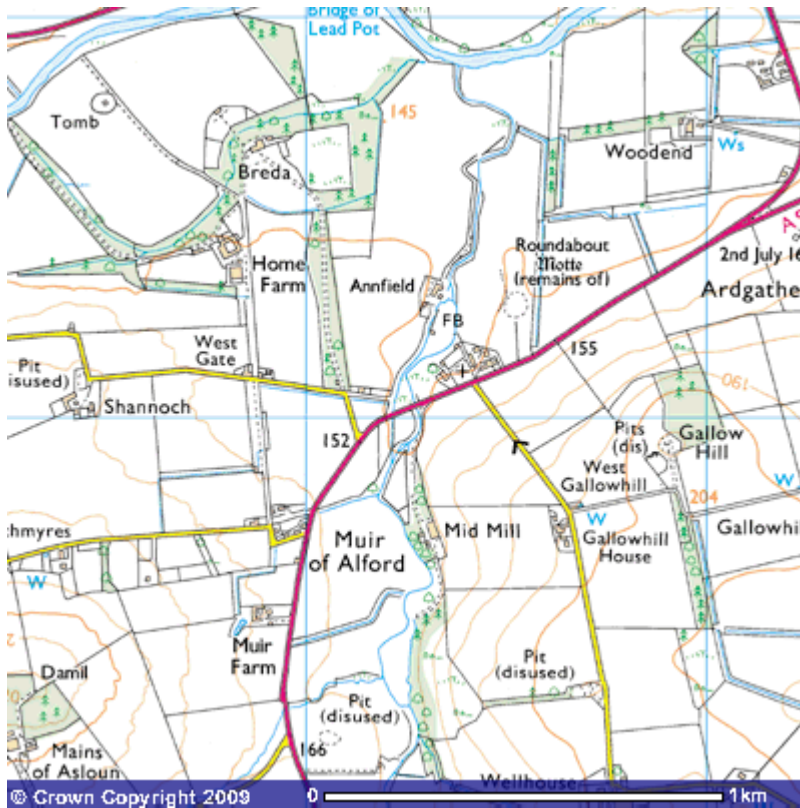
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Well that's week two under my belt. The week started with some meetings, admin and discussions regarding surveys and the Fisheries Management Plan. On Tuesday I met with two environmental consultants who will be undertaking a comprehensive survey of the River Urie paying particular interest to non native invasive plant species, such as Giant Hogweed. The survey is due to start next year in conjunction with the Don District Salmon Fisheries Board programme of Giant Hogweed control, more on this in due course.

For the remainder of the week I focused my efforts on enjoying the brilliant weather that we have had. I therefore spent the last few days of the week, carrying out preliminary surveys on the Urie, Goval and Leochel Burns with particular interest in the obstructions to migrating fish which are present in each.

See image below of the Leochel weir and map of location.





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Grid reference at centre - NJ 552 160 GB Grid

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Discussions with river Superintendent Jim Kerr on these various obstacles has revealed that both the Leochel and Urie obstacles can be passed by migratory fish in high water but only odd occasions.

That's all for now, i'll be meeting the Board team next week so will have some river updates for you, will have undertaken some invertebrate sampling, further habitat surveys and may have had an evening's fishing myself.

Cheers Jamie