



Water for the North West

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for environmental information. We appreciate your interest, and we want to let you know that your request has been carefully considered in accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR).

Your request:

Dear EIR Team,

Please could I be provided with a breakdown of what the £771,249 paid to UKCEH since 2020 has funded? If these relate to specific scientific studies, please could copies of those studies also be provided.

In addition, please could you provide details of the total amount of funding given by United Utilities since 2000 to the following organisations:

- UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (UKCEH)
- South Cumbria Rivers Trust
- Cumbria Tourism
- National Trust
- Lake District National Park Authority
- Westmorland and Furness Council (previously South Lakeland District Council)
- Lake District Foundation
- Rivers Trust (national body)

Our response:

Please see a copy of the requested data in the attached spreadsheet entitled 'funding data'. Where data has been requested from 2000, in line with Regulation 12(4)(a) of the EIR, we have supplied the data from 2012 onwards, as we do not hold data prior to this.

The first tab includes a full breakdown of payments made to the UK Centre for Hydrology and Ecology (UKCEH) since 2020, and the second contains the total amount of funding given to the named organisations since 2012. Please note that the first tab includes the full range of UKCEH work carried out across the North West region. This means that some entries refer to projects or locations outside the Windermere catchment.

Additionally, please note that of the £4.26m paid to The Rivers Trust, approx. £3m was for CaSTCo (Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative), a cross-sector partnership project funded by The Ofwat Innovation Fund that includes water companies, freshwater and environmental scientists,

academic bodies, eNGOs, and national regulators. CaSTCo has been created to develop a robust, standardised approach to the capture and integration of citizen science monitoring information to support decision making. You can read more about its work here: [Home - CastCo](#).

I will send a follow up email with a link to access copies of the available studies / reports in relation to UKCEHs work. For awareness, some reports have not yet been produced by UKCEH, and therefore we have been unable to supply these, for example, the Lakes Tour report is produced every five years, with the next one due to be produced in 2026. If you require any further information about their work, please contact them directly via their website [Contact us | UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology](#), or via email at enquiries@ceh.ac.uk.

We hope that this response answers your request. However, if you're not satisfied with how we've handled it, you can request an internal review. To do this, please write to us at Environmental Information Office, Haweswater House, Lingley Mere, Warrington, WA5 3LP or email us at EIRRequests@uuplc.co.uk, addressing your request to [REDACTED], and explaining why you're unhappy with our response. We'll be very happy to review your request and ensure we've done everything we can to assist you.

Any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this response, and we will reply within 40 working days from receipt of the request for internal review.

Many thanks
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We'd love to hear your feedback on how we handled your request! If you have a moment, please complete our short survey [here](#) – your input helps us improve our service.