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Throughout the UK, flooding is predicted to become more severe due to climate change. In the past, flood management has focused on the problem area, for example, by constructing ever-higher barriers to contain the water. Many such methods are extremely expensive and are now considered to be ineffective, unsustainable and damaging to the wider environment, often merely moving the water elsewhere. With more rain and less predictable weather forecast, urgent measures are needed to slow the flow of water from the land into the river.

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Frequently measuring the flow of the area with a range of instruments will ensure that each technique used in the River Devon Project is evaluated.