

Welcome to your Clubs Newsletter

Welcome to the latest issue of our Angling Trust Clubs Newsletter. The first section of the newsletter includes news and information for your club committee and includes ways we can help and support you. As we have both freshwater and sea angling clubs, some items may not be as relevant to you, but we hope you will still find them interesting.

The second part contains information we would like you to share with your members. If you send out a club newsletter, have a Facebook page or would be willing to put some of this information on your website, we would be very grateful. Tight lines!

ANGLERS AGAINST POLLUTION

60,000 water quality tests – powered by club and fisheries volunteers!



The Water Quality Monitoring Network has reached a remarkable milestone: 60,000 water quality tests completed – the equivalent of one test every 35 minutes for the past four years.

This achievement has been made possible by more than 800 dedicated volunteers from angling clubs and fisheries across England, whose efforts are helping to reveal the true extent of pollution in our rivers.

The latest data paints a worrying picture. During 2024/25, 41% of samples exceeded good ecological status levels for phosphate, while 50% showed evidence of nitrate pollution. But evidence drives action. By identifying pollution hotspots and building a robust body of data, local clubs, fisheries and the Angling Trust's campaigns team are better equipped to challenge Government, regulators and water companies and push for meaningful improvements.

Thank you to all our WQMN volunteers and Angling Direct and Orvis UK for their continued support of the Anglers Against Pollution campaign.

Support Anglers Against Pollution - find out more here

CLUB AND FISHERIES SUPPORT

Invasive Species Week - stop the spread

INVASIVE SPECIES WEEK *Stronger together for our environment*

Invasive non-native species are one of the biggest threats to our native wildlife, habitats, economy and even our health.
But together, we can stop their spread.

EVERY ACTION COUNTS. YOU CAN HELP.

- CHECK**
Check plants, animals and equipment when visiting new areas.
- CLEAN**
Clean your gear, boots and equipment before and after use.
- DRY**
Dry everything thoroughly – some species can survive in damp conditions.
- DISPOSE**
Dispose of garden waste, bait and plants responsibly – never dump or release.
- REPORT**
Report sightings of invasive species to help protect our waterways and wildlife.

FIND OUT MORE AND GET INVOLVED
nonnativespecies.org/what-can-i-do/invasive-species-week

Small actions make a BIG difference

Angling Trust proudly supports
INVASIVE SPECIES WEEK

ANGLING TRUST

Working together to protect our waters and future generations

Invasive Species Week returns from 22–28 June, bringing together angling clubs, fisheries, organisations and communities across the UK to help tackle the spread of invasive non-native species.

These plants and animals threaten waterways, harm native wildlife, damage ecosystems and cost the UK economy almost £2 billion each year. Everyone can play a part by following the simple "Check, Clean, Dry" routine, being Plant Wise and reporting sightings of invasive species.

Last year, 174 organisations took part in the campaign and 78 events were held across the UK and Crown Dependencies.

Find out more and get involved

GET FISHING

Can you run a Spring into Fishing event?



There's still time for clubs and fisheries to get involved in our Spring into Fishing events - a great opportunity to welcome new anglers and grow participation in the sport. These friendly, free or low-cost sessions are designed for families, beginners, and those returning to fishing after a break, with tackle, bait, and expert support all provided. Clubs and fisheries interested in hosting an event can find more information [here](#) or contact their Regional Angling Development Officer [here](#). Get Fishing is funded by the Environment Agency from fishing licence income and Sport England.

SAFEGUARDING

Lower-level concerns: What are they and what should you do?

A lower-level concern is any worry, doubt or sense of unease that someone's behaviour may not meet expected standards, even if it is not serious enough to involve statutory services or the police.

It can relate to children or adults. Examples include inappropriate language or tone, favouritism, leaving a young person alone after a session, bullying, humiliating comments, harassment, ignoring support needs, or behaviour that makes someone feel uncomfortable, excluded or unsafe. Although individual incidents may seem minor, poor practice can become normalised and may escalate if ignored.

Safeuarding guidance emphasises the 4Rs: Recognise. Respond. Report and

Record. Everyone has a responsibility to notice concerns, take them seriously, report them through the correct safeguarding route, and keep an accurate record.

Why lower-level concerns matter:

- They can be early indicators of poor practice.
- If ignored, they may become accepted as normal behaviour.
- They can create opportunities for harm or exploitation.

Addressing lower-level concerns is not about overreacting. It is about creating a safer culture where children are protected, adults at risk are respected and supported, and concerns are dealt with before they escalate.

If you need support or advice about a lower-level concern, contact safeguarding@anglingtrust.net. For more information, [please see our Guidance](#).

Welfare Officer Training

Thanks to those that have booked onto the training already and for some great feedback. Here is a link to the FREE [Safe Clubs and Fisheries \(Welfare Officer\) Training](#). If you need any advice or support please contact Di Murray, The Safeguarding Lead for Angling Trust on safeguarding@anglingtrust.net

COACHING

Manage all your club events - in one place



Clubs and fisheries can promote and manage beginner angling events through the Angling Trust's Event Marketplace. By adding a simple 'Learn to Fish' button to their website, clubs and fisheries can showcase coaching sessions and events available on their waters, making it easy for newcomers to book online.

Every session is delivered by licensed angling coaches, giving beginners the confidence to get started. Watch the tutorial video above to see how it works, and follow the link below for more information.

[Click here for Event Marketplace](#)

ANGLERS AGAINST POLLUTION

Weird Fish support fight for clean waters



To celebrate their sponsorship of our Anglers Against Pollution campaign alongside Orvis and Angling Direct, Weird Fish Clothing have launched an exclusive range of T-shirts to raise funds and awareness of the campaign.

The initial launch is comprised of four shirts available online and through Weird Fish retail stores throughout the country. Weird Fish have confirmed that they will donate £5 to the campaign for every T-shirt sold. And the best part ... Angling Trust members will receive a 20% discount every time they shop with Weird Fish! Just login to your dashboard to access the special code.

Visit Weird Fish today - hurry while stocks last!

Right now, Weird Fish are giving anglers the chance to win a fantastic fishing bundle worth over £1,000 including a 2-night stay in a luxury cottage on the River Wye! It's free to enter - [click here to find out more](#).

RESOURCES

Your Clubs & Fisheries Handbook



Our Clubs & Fisheries Handbook outlines how the Angling Trust can support you through advice, resources and practical help. Much of our work to support clubs and fisheries is assisted with funding from fishing licence income through our contract with the Environment Agency. However, many other ways we engage with clubs is funded through membership fees paid by clubs, fisheries, angling trade partners, individuals and other organisations, including our fight against pollution, over-abstraction, angling bans and other threats to our sport.

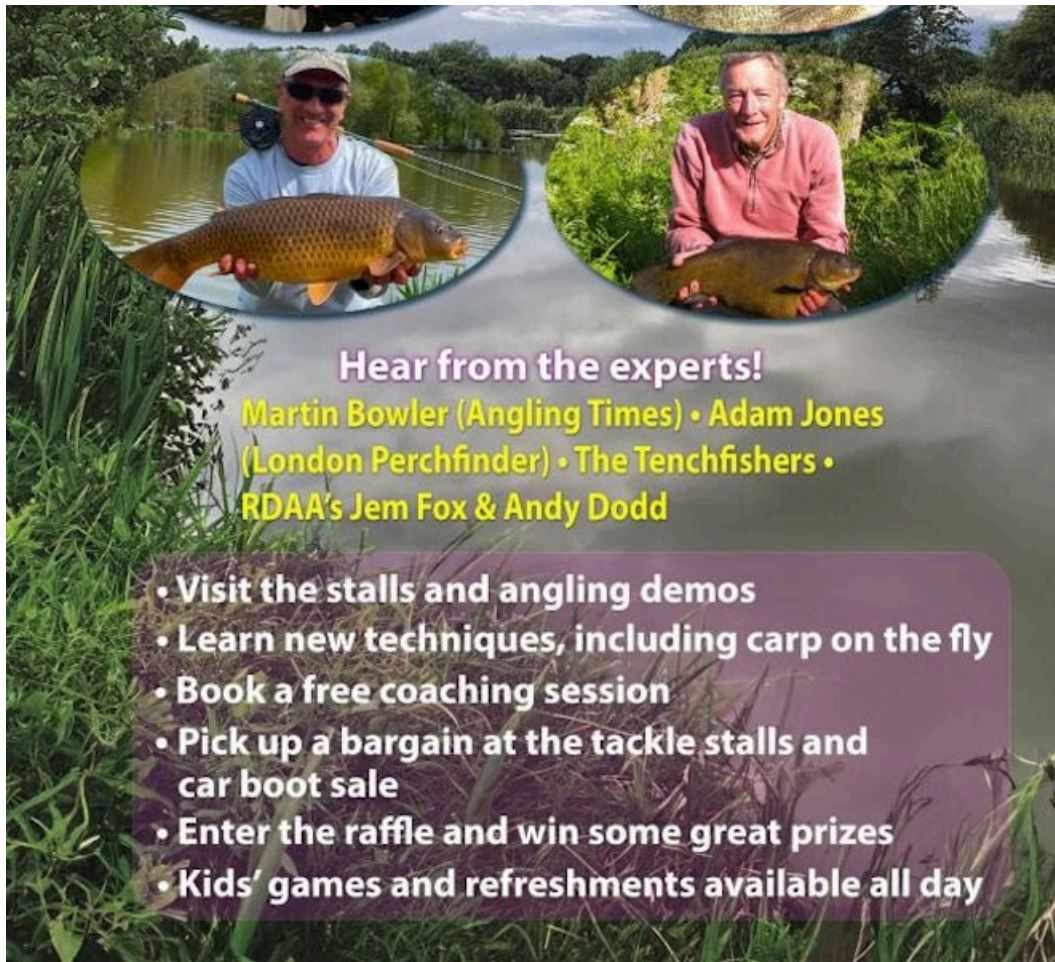
The Clubs & Fisheries Handbook is available to read online. You can also download a pdf copy and share with fellow club committee members or fishery partners.

[Click here to read Clubs & Fisheries Handbook](#)

INFORMATION FOR YOUR CLUB'S MEMBERS - PLEASE SHARE VIA YOUR NEWSLETTER, WEBSITE AND ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

EVENT

Meet the stars at Reading's Open Day



Hear from the experts!
Martin Bowler (Angling Times) • Adam Jones (London Perchfinder) • The Tenchfishers • RDAA's Jem Fox & Andy Dodd

- Visit the stalls and angling demos
- Learn new techniques, including carp on the fly
- Book a free coaching session
- Pick up a bargain at the tackle stalls and car boot sale
- Enter the raffle and win some great prizes
- Kids' games and refreshments available all day

Reading & District Angling Association's popular Open Day returns on Saturday 4 July offering a packed programme of fishing activities, expert advice, family entertainment and bargain hunting opportunities.

Visitors will have the chance to meet special guests Martin Bowler, Angling Times columnist and former British record holder; members of The Tenchfishers; and Shimano and Garmin-backed lure angling expert Adam Jones.

The event takes place at Farnham Flint, Cottage Lane, Pingewood, Reading, RG30 3UW, from 10.30am until 5.00pm, with free admission for both RDAA members and non-members.

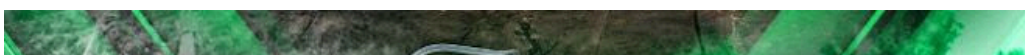
Whether you're an experienced angler or completely new to fishing, there will be demonstrations, coaching sessions, expert talks, raffle prizes, children's activities, refreshments and plenty of opportunities to pick up a bargain from trade stands and the fishing tackle and country goods car boot sale.

Don't forget to pop along to the Angling Trust stand and say hello!

Car boot pitches cost just £5, with all proceeds supporting the RDAA Juniors Fund. To book a stall, message RDAA on Facebook or email martinreadingwest@gmail.com.

COMPETITIONS

Join the spectators at FishOMania final





The countdown to 2026 FishOMania is well and truly on! On 18 July, Westwood Lakes in Boston, Lincolnshire becomes the centre of the angling world as 30 elite anglers go head-to-head for one of the sport's most iconic titles — cheered on by passionate fans from across the country. [Don't just watch it - be there! Get your FishOMania tickets here](#)

And if you want more than just watching... there's still a chance to be part of it. Limited qualifier spaces remain at Gold Valley Lakes (17 June) and Float Fish Farm (21 June). Win your qualifier and you'll secure your place at FishOMania 2026.

[Book your Qualifier entry here](#)

FUNDRAISING

Last chance ... Carp Social ends Sunday!





The Ultimate Carp Social 2026 is offering anglers the chance to win a 48-hour exclusive session on Reading and District AA's renowned Junction 12 carp lake alongside legends Terry Hearn, Oz Holness, Tom Stokes and Nick Helleur.

Four winners will enjoy a fully hosted experience on 17–19 July 2026, including social meals and a unique on-the-bank gathering. Tickets are just £2, but are only on sale until 8pm on Sunday 14 June – don't miss your chance to enter. [Enter the prize draw here](#)

Anglers Lottery - more chances to win!

Sign up to play the Anglers Lottery by Saturday 20th June and you'll be entered into the June monthly draw. You will also then also be automatically included in the Fab Friday Draws - an extra 4 weekly draws per month! In addition to the £25,000 total possible monthly draw, players have the chance to win 8 prizes every week! 1 x £250, 2 x £100 and 5 x £50.

£10 a month = a chance to win big + make a real impact for angling.

(T&Cs apply. 18+. Please play responsibly. For support, visit BeGambleAware.org)

Find out more and sign up here!

MEMBER OFFERS

Become an Individual Member and enjoy discounts on bait, tackle and more!

While your club or syndicate are Angling Trust members, you need to become an Individual Member to receive fantastic savings on bait, tackle and high street goods - take a look at the member benefits below.

Adult membership costs as little as £33 per year - what are you waiting for!

