

# FishPal North East Newsletter

The global online booking service, enabling anglers to book their fishing at leisure. See the latest catches, check river levels, arrange a casting lesson, contact a guide, hire a rod, find somewhere to stay and much, much more besides. Visit [www.fishpal.com](http://www.fishpal.com) to find out more.

## Dear Angler,

While the salmon and trout seasons for the Tyne and Wear have now closed, reports from our FishPal site suggest that many anglers have enjoyed some wonderful sport. This despite the low river levels experienced during the season across the UK and Europe.

This month sees the launch of still water fishing for the North East on the Fishpal system. Fishing tickets are available to book online for Northumbrian Water, including fisheries from Durham, Bishop Auckland and Northumberland. Also coming is winter fishing for Grayling, Barbel, Chub, Dace in the UK and hosted trips abroad to Argentina, Costa Rica and Florida to name but a few.

As well as the new fisheries and destinations poised to go live on the system, the addition of guides, instructors and tackle hire will provide anglers the opportunity to book almost all they need at once.

Don't forget with Christmas just round the corner our personalised gift vouchers and online shop is a great option for anglers of all ages

*Tight lines!*



Iain Wood  
Managing Director  
FishPal Ltd

## Increased Fishing availability across the Tyne

The Tyne is rightly regarded as one of the best Salmon rivers in England and Wales. 2010 has been no exception, with fishing beats on the Tyne enjoying some excellent sport.

Anglers have caught salmon up to 35lbs and sea trout to 19lbs. In September an upstream count of 2,864 fish was recorded in ONE day, another record for the Tyne.

The people of the Tyne have made great use of the river throughout history. This can be clearly seen right through the system, giving the river a unique character and charm, and is one of the reasons it continues to excite and attract visitors from all over the world.

Anglers enjoy a variety of choice on the FishTyne site with rods available on Tyne, North Tyne, Rede, South

Tyne, Derwent and other tributaries.

The Tyne Angling Passport, a not-for-profit scheme designed to open up new or currently inaccessible areas of the river for day-ticket fishing, is also available.

The Tyne Rivers Trust looks after the interests of the Tyne



Catchment and is working hard to 'make the name Tyne recognised for its catchment-wide environmental excellence'. Set up in 2004, the Trust has responsibility for delivering habitat improvements and a new fish pass at Hexham, including

educational work, monitoring and volunteering.

FishTyne is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Trust and as such is run as a not-for profit company. All proceeds from FishTyne go straight back into improving the River Tyne and its surroundings.

All proprietors and managers of freshwater fisheries within the Tyne catchments are eligible to have their fishings listed on FishTyne. If you are interested, please telephone Aidan Pollard on 01434 611817 or email [info@fishtyne.co.uk](mailto:info@fishtyne.co.uk)

For non anglers there is no better way to experience the renowned Northumbrian hospitality than to visit its wealth of attractions along the length of the Tyne.

*FishTyne*

## Online Since 2003

Since 2003 we've been providing an online service for anglers and leading fisheries in the UK and Europe. Established to offer anglers the latest information from catches, ticket availability, prices, when to go, where to stay and what to take etc, over the years we've grown into a 'one stop shop' including guides, rods and online tackle hire.

FishPal's Managing Director, Iain Wood, says: 'We believe our system is the most flexible and comprehensive online booking system available.'

Currently there are many rod/days available to book for the remainder of this season, with thousand's of rods for next season already appearing. The secure online payment system (in eight languages) and friendly support staff, both help to facilitate bookings.

## Still Water Fishing

Anglers are spoilt for choice when it comes to still water fishing in the North East. From fishing large reservoirs, to some of the smallest lakes offering a variety of fishing from wild brown trout to rainbow, blues and golden trout.

Many fisheries are suitable for disabled anglers and have free fishing for juniors. Competition and tuition days are available. Accommodation and activities for all the family.

Whereas the larger fisheries close during the winter season, several smaller fisheries remain open during the winter months. For seasoned anglers wishing to fly and bait fish right through winter, there is fishing availability on the FishPal system

### Mobile FishPal

On the move but want to stay up-to-date? Check out FishPal's mobile pages, including latest catches and ticket availability. Fishing news from the bankside to your mobile 24/7.

### Rod Availability

Search by area, species, price, country and much more. Lists are updated every hour. FREE Rod Alert service keeps you informed of all the availability added to our global system.

### Do I need a Permit?

When you book your fishing with FishPal your confirmation email doubles as your fishing permit. It gives directions, fishery rules, contact names etc. EA Rod Licences are required in England and not Scotland.

### Competitions

Fancy winning the latest Scott Mackenzie dtx rod or 3 days fishing at Middle Etrick, in the Tweed system, in October 2011. Prize includes accommodation on a full board basis in a luxury cottage.

# River Wear on FishPal

We are pleased to introduce the River Wear to the FishPal system. The Wear is the smallest of the North East's three major rivers and has similarities to the River Dovey in Wales.

For game anglers the Wear is recognised as one of the best sea trout rivers in England with double figure sea trout caught annually. During the season the Wear also fishes well for brown trout and now enjoys a significant run of salmon.

From January to September 2010 the Environment Agency fish counter at Framwellgate weir in Durham has counted 17,728 salmon and sea trout. With a record 6,431 fish in September, this is the best September for the fish counter since records began in 1994.

The FishWear site hosts a variety of game and coarse fishing availability on the system along some excellent stretches of double bank fishing with good access and easy wading. More fisheries will follow including services such as fishing tackle shops, instructors, guides and accommodation.

## Northumbrian Water Casts a Line with FishPal

We are proud to announce that Northumbrian Water Fisheries, the leading provider of still water game fishing in Northern Europe are now on the FishPal global booking system.



Over the years Northumbrian Water have built an outstanding reputation in the market place, providing top quality fishing for everyone from bait to fly. Its fisheries boast some of the best scenery in England, friendly, helpful staff, plus well stocked fisheries and tackle shops.

For those wanting to try fishing the 'try it' sessions for beginners have made it easier for newcomers to get started. During 2009 Northumbrian Water were proud to have introduced 3,500 junior anglers to the sport.

Every ticket choice is available to purchase online, from single, group, couples permit etc, including free fishing for two juniors under 17 with the 'family days out' ticket. The FishPal system will keep you up-to-date on Northumbrian fisheries from catches, competitions, events, opening hours, prices etc. During the next few months FishPal will be adding more still water fisheries to the system from across the UK.



In recent years the Lower Wear has produced specimen size fish of most species; barbel to over 12lb, chub to 6lb 10oz and British record-quality dace as well as increasing numbers of bream. Predator anglers are now showing an interest in the river with large pike and good sized perch being caught.

The Wear is one of the few places in Northern England where you can fish for Barbel in mid winter. With excellent stretches holding mixed game and coarse fish, anglers are spoilt for choice when choosing the Wear for a days fishing this winter.

All donations made through our FishWear online booking system will go to the Wear Rivers Trust. The trust works with the community to improve the environment of the River Wear throughout the catchment area.

Owners or angling associations interested in supplying day tickets for fishing please contact our offices.



## CAAG in North East

The County Angling Action Groups have been developed throughout England by the Angling Development Board's team of ADB regional officers, with the purpose of providing a co-ordinated approach to the development of angling throughout England. Bringing together angling and non angling organisations.

In the North East the groups have secured funding for angling clubs to undertake UKCC coaching qualifications. Linked local angling clubs to their local schools and delivered afterschool angling programmes. Our member clubs are all working to minimum operating standards which ensures a safe fun, friendly environment for young people to participate. The CAAG's also deliver a number of events during National Fishing Month covering Sea, Game and Coarse fishing.

Thanks to the ADB angling is now recognised by Sport England and included in Local Authority holiday provision, which has resulted in an increase in junior memberships. Durham junior coarse angling club at Aldin Grange fishery is a ClubMark accredited club. Aldin Grange Fishery is on the FishPal website.

For more information about the County Angling Action Groups in the North East please contact Ben Thompson Tel: 07854 240177 or [www.anglingtrust.net](http://www.anglingtrust.net)



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## Gift Vouchers

Personalised gift vouchers are a great way to celebrate any special occasion, birthdays, Christmas, anniversary or as a 'thank you' and are the perfect gift for any angler. Versatile for the recipient, they can be used for a range of products from fishing days, flies, rods, tuition, guiding etc. Visit the website shop for more details.

## Fly Selections from FishPal

FishPal's exclusive range of salmon flies has been carefully selected by world-champion Speycaster Eoin Fairgrieve. They come in special FishPal fly boxes containing ten or more flies and make wonderful presents for any angler. They can be bought online from our shop or by telephone.



## Online Tackle Hire

If you want to fish somewhere and don't have your own fishing tackle then hiring a rod, reel, line and waders through FishPal is your obvious solution. Your nearest shop for the Tyne and Wear is the Orvis fishing shop at Corbridge, near Hexham.



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