

It is every member's responsibility to read and understand the Club's rules. If a member has difficulty understanding any of the rules, he/she should ask a Club Official for clarification **BEFORE** going onto CDAC waters.

Any member breaking any of the Club's Rules & Regulations, or part thereof, will, at the discretion of the Committee and depending on the severity of the breach, receive a 'warning letter', suffer a 'beat ban' or face 'expulsion'. Persistent breaking of any of the Club's Rules & Regulations, or part thereof, by any member **will** result in 'expulsion'.

#### **Extract from Constitution 4.1**

Members who refuse to abide by any of the Rules or Byelaws may be suspended or expelled by a resolution passed at a meeting of the Committee.

Any member, having joined the club who feels he/she cannot or will not abide by the Rules & Regulations, has the right to cancel his/her membership within 28 days of joining. On the return of all documents & Salmon Tags, a full refund will be issued.

CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB  
(CDAC, formed 1935)

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## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. The Club is called Chester-le-Street and District Angling Club, (CDAC).
2. The Officers of the Club will consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer/Subscriptions Officer. The Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer/Subscriptions Officer will act as trustees of the funds of the Club. The rest of the Committee will consist of up to eight members and the quorum at all meetings shall be no less than five.
3. No correspondence, (including Salmon Tags), will be accepted by any Club Official, if delivered in person, to their respective home addresses.
4. A member may nominate himself or herself for election as an Officer or Committee member but must have two members to propose and second him/her for election. All nominations must include the name & address of origin and must be signed by **ALL** persons concerned, including the nominee(s). Any nomination must be in the hands of the Secretary no later than 14 days prior to the AGM. All nominations will be held in confidence solely by the Secretary up until this date. Nominees must be able to outline what particular attributes they have which would benefit the Club and Committee and be prepared to submit the same, in writing, to the Committee or by way of a statement to the AGM. This will enable the membership to choose the most suitable candidate(s).
5. Any member who is an Official or Committee member of another Angling Club will not be allowed to become an Official or Committee member of CDAC.
6. Full members will not be able to stand for a position on the Committee if they live outside of the "Local Member" area, unless they have 5 years continuous membership, (Local Area is CLS old District Council boundary).
7. The AGM will be held on the last Sunday of November of each year. The retiring Committee will nominate, propose and second a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer/Subscriptions Officer.
8. If there are no nominations from the members for the position of Committee member, then the retiring Committee shall be re-elected to serve for the next year.

9. The Club can appoint a President who will be ex-officio on all Committees and this position will be deemed as Honorary. The Club can also appoint Vice-Presidents to a maximum of ten, who will be ex-officio on all Committees and also deemed as Honorary.
10. The Treasurer/Subscriptions Officer will cause true accounts to be kept of all monies received or paid on account of the Club and will make an audited financial statement to members at the AGM of the income and expenditure for the last financial year.
11. Any proposal or motion put to an AGM or EOGM shall have a proposer and be seconded. All proposals or motions must include the name & address of origin and must be signed by **ALL** persons concerned. They must be in the hands of the Secretary no later than 14 days prior to the AGM/EOGM or they will not be accepted. All proposals will be held in confidence solely by the Secretary up until this date.
12. Entry to an AGM or EOGM will **NOT** be allowed unless a member produces his/her current membership card at the door.
13. Any other special meeting can only be called by a minimum of 10 members. This shall be called an Extra-ordinary General Meeting, (EOGM). Time must be allowed before the meeting to allow the Secretary to inform all members in writing of the date, time and place of such meetings.
14. Questions raised at any AGM/EOGM will be decided by a majority vote. The Chairperson has the power to take the vote by paper ballot. When votes are equal, the Chairperson will have a second or casting vote. Any proposal or motion accepted or defeated at an AGM/EOGM, with the decision subsequently challenged at an AGM/EOGM, cannot be re-submitted to an AGM/EOGM for 3 years. A resolution passed by an AGM/EOGM can only be rescinded by a two-thirds majority of another AGM/EOGM.
15. The Committee is empowered to Rent, Lease or Buy fishing waters on behalf of CDAC. The Committee is also empowered to re-stock Club waters.
16. All subscriptions, whether by cheque or by BACS, (it is not recommended to send cash in the post), must be paid on or before the 28<sup>th</sup> February of each year. An official CDAC application form must also be submitted. Any person not paying his/her fee by this date will lose their membership. Any late or incomplete application will be rejected. A member who subsequently loses or damages any membership document or badge and applies for a replacement will be charged £5 for each item replaced.

17. Full / Intermediate subscriptions to be reviewed by the Committee on a yearly basis. Junior subscriptions will not exceed 50% of senior subscriptions.
18. Every Full member must submit an official format catch return of game fish caught to the Club Secretary by no later than 30th November of the relevant year, even if nothing was caught. A catch return may be Submitted via the Club website, handed to the Secretary at the AGM or posted to the Secretary, (members are advised to obtain proof of postage - supplied free of charge at any Post Office). A member failing to submit a return in time will be required to pay the full subscription plus a £50 excess if they want to re-join the club.
19. Any member, who attains the age of 65 on or before the 28<sup>th</sup> February of the current year & who has 10 years previous continuous membership, is entitled to claim a £25 concessionary discount on the annual Club fee.
20. The Closing membership will be 230 Full members. There will be no limit on Park members, Intermediate members & junior members.
21. If any act of unsportsmanlike conduct is brought against any member of CDAC, on Club waters or otherwise, the same will be adjudicated upon at a Committee meeting.
22. No member will directly approach a riparian owner or his/her agent whose water the Club rents. All approaches should be made through the Committee.
23. Persons convicted of Poaching/Fisheries offences will not be allowed membership of CDAC for a minimum of five years from the date of the conviction.
24. It is strictly forbidden to knowingly discard any type of line or litter on any of the Club's water and/or land, including car park areas, access roads & footpaths, (both public & private).
25. Members must not fish on any of the Club's water when impaired by alcohol, drugs or any other substance. Any member found to be in such a condition will be called to appear before the Committee.
26. No member of the Club, *other than the Website Manager*, may put any information about the Club onto the internet, (*includes website chat rooms*), or in the Press without first obtaining permission from the Committee.

## CLUB ANGLING RULES

1. All anglers fishing CDAC waters must be in possession of a valid membership card and EA Rod Licence at all times. All relevant EA byelaws will be observed on Club waters, (it is a member's responsibility to read them). Club bailiffs, (river keepers), on production of their bailiff card, are authorised to check the EA Rod Licence and Club card of any angler fishing on Club waters and are allowed to inspect the fish, baits and tackle in the angler's possession.
2. Members wishing to fish ANY calendar year must have a valid permit for that year.
3. All members must approach the river by a recognised access and must not trespass on the land. No member will take any other person on Club estate waters at any time, unless that person is also a Club member or has a Guest permit and is also fishing. No dogs allowed on estates at any time.
4. When fishing on all Club waters, members are to clearly display their Parking Permit at all times. When fishing on any private 'estate water' and parked on 'estate land' members must also display the 'number of rods fishing.' (Vehicles are parked on estate land at the owner's risk.) The maximum number of cars and the maximum number of rods fishing allowed at each beat are displayed on signage at each car park and also on the laminated beat maps provided to each member. Members **MUST NOT** exceed either of these maxima.
5. No member may cut or prune any trees or bush on any Club water without prior consent from the Committee.
6. When accessing the Club's water at Newbridge Bank and for the purposes of fishing, members are not allowed to park on the access road and footpath leading to Lambton bridge, on the bridge or the bridge turning circle. Members are also prohibited from parking on the road and the pedestrian footpath alongside the main A183 road.
7. When accessing the Club's water via Lumley Grange Farm, members need to obtain a key fob & manual key to gain access through the gates. The key & fob are available from either the Chairperson or Mr. Stewart Tully. 24 hours' notice is required & members have 48 hours in which to return them. Each fob has individual coding so records can be kept by the riparian owners as to who uses them & when they are used.

8. All members accessing estate land must do so only for the intention of fishing and must, at all times, carry their fishing rod, landing net and a priest.
9. No member of CDAC will kill and remove more than FIVE Salmon in any one season throughout all Club waters.
10. No more than 2 migratory fish to be killed in any one day. Any combination of 2 Salmon, 2 Sea Trout or 1 Salmon and 1 Sea Trout is allowed.
11. Once you have killed your second migratory fish in any given day, you **MUST STOP FISHING** and leave all Club waters for the purpose of angling.

12. **Tagging Rules – applies to Salmon only:-**  
from 16<sup>th</sup> June - 31<sup>st</sup> October, inclusive, of any year.

**12.1** A Salmon caught and killed on any of CDAC's water must be immediately tagged at the waterside with a BLUE CDAC tag. No other tag can be used. No Salmon is to be taken from the waterside without being tagged.

**12.2** A tagged Salmon being transported from the bankside must be in open view and readily available for inspection by any other member or Club Official.

**12.3** No member should tamper with or try to adapt **any** CDAC tag. A tag can only be used once.

**12.4** No member is allowed to offer or give his/her allocated tag(s) to another member. Tags are for the sole use of the member to whom they have been issued and are not transferable, (except on occasions to guests, see Tagging Rule 13.4).

**12.5** Every member who holds a Salmon and Migratory Trout Licence, must at all times, when fishing, carry on his/her person at least 2 BLUE CDAC colour coded tags or 1 BLUE CDAC colour coded tag plus a 'Red Tag' or 1 'Red Tag', (see Tagging Rule 12.7). A member who does not have the correct tag(s) on his/her person cannot fish Club Waters.

**12.6** Under exceptional circumstances, where a member has forgotten his/her tag(s) and still wishes to fish the Club's water, he/she may do so by contacting any Club Official, (**NOT AVAILABLE 24/7**) and he/she will be issued with a 'Red Tag', thus allowing him/her to fish that day but on a 'catch & release' basis, only. Any 'Red Tag' issued must be returned within 48 hours.

**12.7** Once a member has killed and tagged 3 Salmon, he/she must apply to the Committee for a 'Red Tag'. This 'Red Tag' allows a member to fish for Salmon for the rest of the season on a 'Catch and Release' basis only.

**12.8** If a member is fishing for Salmon with his/her 5<sup>th</sup> (final), BLUE CDAC colour coded tag and a 'Red Tag', once this 5<sup>th</sup> tag has been used, he/she can continue fishing, without interruption for the rest of that day and for the remainder of the season on a 'Catch and Release' basis only.

**12.9** If a member fishing with a 'Red Tag' only, catches and lands a Salmon it must be returned to the river regardless of its condition. It cannot be given to another member.

**12.10** Any member found to be flouting, manipulating or attempting to pervert these rules will be called to appear before the Committee.

### **13. Salmon Tagging: - Information/Regulations,**

13.1 Every member of CDAC who holds a Salmon and Migratory Trout Licence and who wishes to fish for Salmon, must abide by the Rules and Regulations appertaining to the 'Tagging of killed fish'. This is mandatory and not negotiable.

13.2 Before the 16<sup>th</sup> June of every year, each Full member will be issued with 5 BLUE CDAC colour coded tags. Intermediate members will receive 2 BLUE CDAC colour coded tags and 1 'Red Tag'. Junior members will receive 1 BLUE CDAC colour coded tag.

13.3 The named principal holder of a Family Membership will be issued with 5 BLUE CDAC colour coded tags only.

13.4 A member's guest, fishing with a migratory fish permit must use that member's BLUE CDAC colour coded tags if they wish to kill a 'Salmon' as no tags will be issued with the permit. The member and guest cannot kill more than a combined total of 2 migratory fish in any one day.

13.5 Tags will be colour coded to signify the year of issue and are numbered to identify the holder.

13.6 Tags, along with rulebooks, membership cards and parking permits, ('maps' and 'number of rods fishing' laminates for newcomers), will be issued to members by post.



13.7 BLUE CDAC colour coded tags which are lost or inadvertently connected will be replaced with a 'Red Tag' allowing 'Catch & Release' only.

13.8 A lost or misplaced 'Red Tag' will be replaced at the Committee's discretion for a standard charge of £20, (plus the cost of postage where appropriate).

13.9 Whilst under no obligation to return any unused CDAC colour coded tags, members who do so will have them entered into a prize draw, held at the AGM and for which there will be 2 prizes, (1 per member), of a free, one year's, Full Club Membership. Members intending to enter their unused tags into the prize draw **MUST** return them to the **SECRETARY** prior to the AGM or return them at the AGM. Unused CDAC colour coded tags which are not returned should be destroyed.

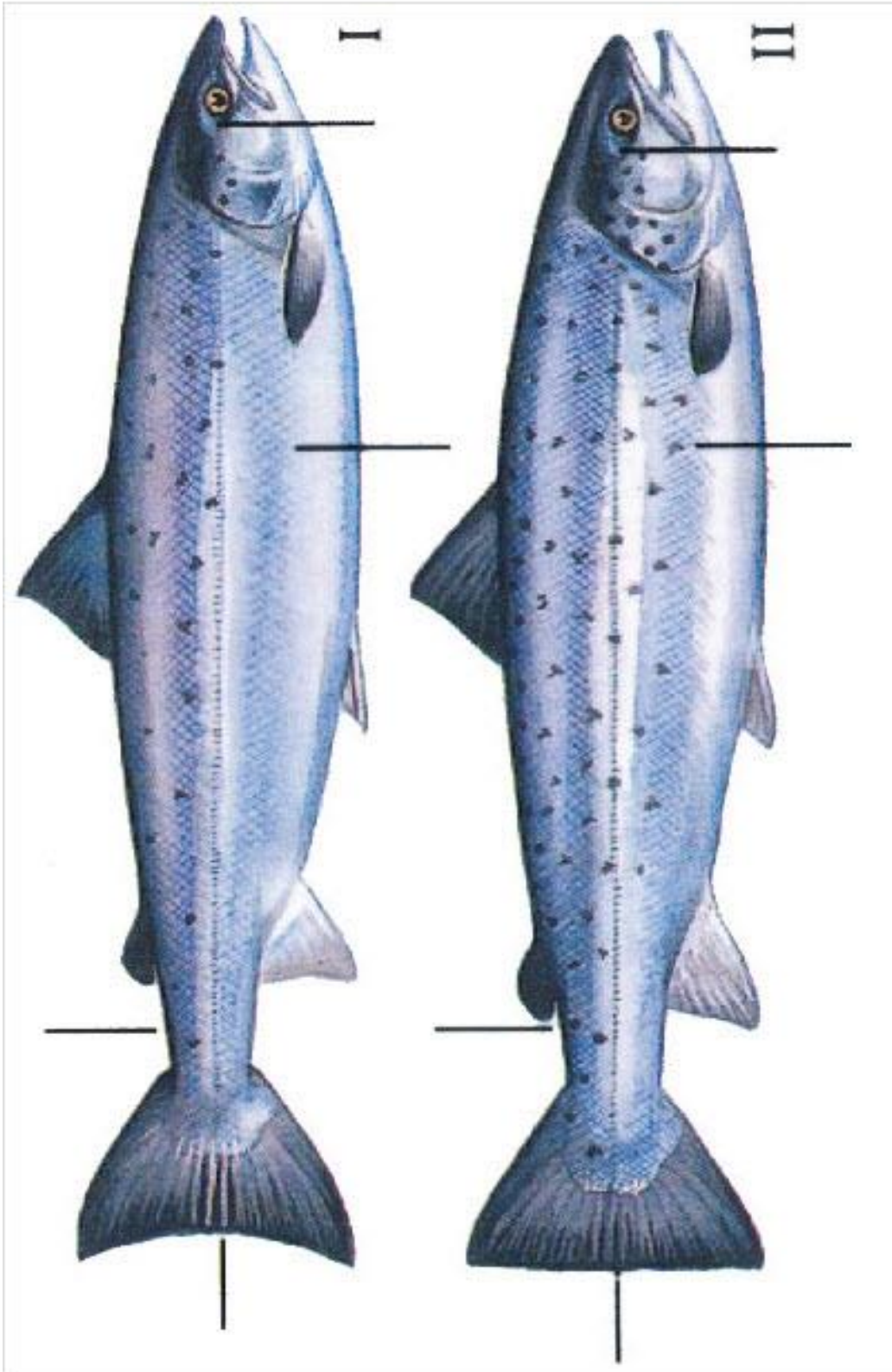
ALL **RED TAGS** ISSUED **MUST** BE RETURNED TO THE **SECRETARY** BY **30th NOVEMBER**. RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP OF ANY MEMBER IS PROHIBITED UNTIL ANY RED TAG ISSUED TO THAT MEMBER IS RETURNED.



#### COLOUR-CODED SALMON TAGS

**Tags go through the mouth & gill plate.**

When tagging a Salmon with a colour-coded tag, the tag lead must be pushed through **both holes** of the label.



Salmon (I) can be distinguished from large sea trout (II) by a more streamlined shape, concave tail, slimmer tail wrist, upper jaw reaching no further than rear of the eye, few if any black spots below lateral line, 10-15 (usually 11-13) scales counted obliquely forward from adipose fin to lateral line - trout have 13-16.

14. If an angler FOUL hooks 2 fish in a session, at the same location, he/she should change his/her method or move to another location.
15. When fly-fishing for game fish on any water owned, leased or rented by CDAC, at NO TIME is lead core line or parts thereof to be used.
16. It is a recommendation that ALL coloured fish be returned alive.
17. When intentionally fishing for migratory fish from 1<sup>st</sup> February until 15<sup>th</sup> June, inclusive, all waters downstream from The Cong Burn are to be FLY ONLY. Spinning will be permitted if the water is over a given mark, (8 inches above the normal level, where two markers will be placed in the water, one at the Cong Burn mouth, the other at the Buckles pool).
18. Members fly-fishing below Cong Burn at night, (see below), on both banks, downstream to Newbridge, must use a FLOATING LINE. A single sink-tip with a maximum length of five feet, can also be used, (poly leader of any density). (Night fishing is classed as between 30 minutes after the official sunset & 30 minutes before the official sunrise).
19. When night fishing and In accordance with North East EA Fisheries byelaws, hooks/tubes must be able to pass through a 10mm diameter tube, 75mm in length.
20. When bait fishing, only one hook, (single, double or treble), is to be used at the terminal tackle. The use of multi-rigs is prohibited.
21. Spinning and prawn/shrimp fishing are banned on all Club waters from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> January, inclusive.
22. The only method of fishing for Salmon & Sea Trout before June 16<sup>th</sup> in any given year is with Artificial Fly or Artificial Lure. The use of prawn/shrimp is strictly prohibited until 16<sup>th</sup> June.
23. A member may not take up a position within 20 yards of another member fishing, unless it is with his/her consent.

24. When fishing for migratory fish, (all methods), anglers should take a step between each cast when other anglers are wishing to fish the same water. If not, the waiting angler should indicate, in a courteous manner, his/her intention to fish through. Any Game angler fishing the same pool will then be obliged to stand down until the waiting angler has fished through. Coarse Anglers must be fished around.
25. Anglers wishing to fish a pool must enter upstream from any angler already fishing the said pool, unless given prior consent.
26. The only form of night fishing for game fish on ALL waters is fly-fishing.
27. When intentionally fishing for Brown Trout and Grayling, anglers must use a barbless hook and at no time impound Brown Trout in a keep-net. No more than TWO Brown Trout to be killed in any one day, although catch & release is advised. All Grayling must be returned alive.
28. Fly-fishing is not allowed from Lumley Bridge to Cong Burn if the back cast covers the public footpath. This rule is in the interest of public safety.
29. Only Fly-fishing is allowed on Cocken waters from 22<sup>nd</sup> March to 30<sup>th</sup> April, inclusive.
30. Maggot fishing is banned on all Club waters during the annual close season for coarse fishing, (from 15<sup>th</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> June, inclusive).
31. When Coarse fishing and in accordance with EA byelaws, members are allowed to use up to **TWO** rods, (rod butts must be no further than 3 metres apart).
32. Club waters will not be used for competitions or matches without the consent of the Committee.
33. Junior anglers must ALWAYS be accompanied by a Full member on ALL Club waters except from Crichton Avenue down to Cong Burn on the Park side of the river only, (see advice given for Cocken Drift beat). Intermediate members cannot be responsible for a Junior member and therefore cannot take a Junior member onto estate waters.
34. No fish to be cleaned/filletted on the banks of the river.

35. A Full member may purchase a Guest Permit to take a friend fishing on Club waters, (see Tagging Rule 13.4) but must ensure that the guest has a current and valid EA Rod Licence. Members are totally responsible for the overall conduct of their guests & must fish within 50 yards of them at ALL TIMES. Once used, the Permit, with the Catch Return section completed, must be returned to the issuing Official, within 48 hours of the date of use. Cancellation of a Guest Permit for a full refund or a change of date of validity will only be allowed under exceptional circumstances. If granted, the Permit must be immediately returned to the issuing Official for cancellation or amendment. Any member failing to comply with any of these conditions will be prohibited from obtaining a Guest Permit for the rest of the season.

Fees per day:- Brown Trout and Coarse Fish £10, Salmon and Sea Trout £20.

Permits can be purchased from the secretary, tel: 0191 3873936 (the Secretary's telephone number is not to be used for any other purpose).

Mr. Stewart Tully, tel: 0191 3712053. Please phone before going to their respective houses. Do not turn up unannounced.

### **There will be NO guest tickets available for October**

### **Exchange Permits**

CDAC, along with the following Angling Clubs, has an Exchange Permit scheme, subject to conditions. The Permit holder must be a member of this Club, (CDAC). No Exchange Permits will be issued to a Junior member unless they are accompanied by a Senior member with an Exchange Permit.

Please note - no Exchange Permits will be issued on a Sunday.

<u>Angling Clubs</u>	<u>No of permits</u>
Willington A/C	4
Big Waters A/C	2
Washington & Harrington A/C	2
Eltringham Water	2

Permits can be obtained from the Chairperson, tel: 0191 4476242 (the Chairperson's telephone number is not to be used for any other purpose except for this & for Lumley Grange Farm access gate - see below) and must be returned within 48 hours of issue. Failure to do so will result in that members being refused any Exchange permit for the rest of the season.

## **CONG BURN ACCESS GATE**

Members requiring vehicular access to the Cong Burn car park, on the riverside, will need to negotiate the gate.

This gate will be kept locked **AT ALL TIMES**

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## **LUMLEY GRANGE FARM ACCESS GATE**

When accessing the Club's water via Lumley Grange Farm, members need to obtain a key fob & manual key to gain access through the gates.

The keys & fob are available from either the Chairperson,  
Tel: 0191 4476242 (the Chairperson's telephone number is not to be used for any other purpose except for this & for Exchange Permits - see above)  
or Mr. Stewart Tully, tel: 0191 3712053

ANY concerns observed by members regarding any illegal activity, poaching, pollution, misuse of the tagging system, etc, please phone the Club Bailiff on:-

**07925 910424**

ANY suspicious activity on the river please phone the Police on:-

**101 and quote**

**“Operation Traverse”**

**& or the Environment Agency on:-**

**0800 807060**

ANY anti-social behaviour or harassment please phone the Police on:-

**101**

**(999 in an emergency)**

At the time of printing, calls to 101 cost 15p, no matter what time of the day or how long the call is.

## Important Dates

- February:** 1<sup>st</sup> February - Salmon season opens.  
2<sup>nd</sup> February - Estate waters open.  
28<sup>th</sup> February - All subscriptions must be paid up,  
(see Rules & Regulations 16).
- March:** 14<sup>th</sup> March - Coarse fishing season closes.  
22<sup>nd</sup> March - Brown Trout season opens.  
22<sup>nd</sup> March to 30<sup>th</sup> April inclusive - Fly only on Cocken waters.
- April:** 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Sea Trout season opens.
- May:** 1<sup>st</sup> May - Spinning allowed on Cocken waters.
- June:** 16<sup>th</sup> June - Coarse fishing season opens.  
16<sup>th</sup> June - any member who catches a Salmon before this date must return the fish immediately to the water.
- September:** 30<sup>th</sup> September - Brown Trout season closes.
- October:** 31<sup>st</sup> October - Salmon and Sea Trout season closes.
- November:** Last Sunday in November - Club's AGM.

Catch returns to be in the hands of the Club Secretary on or before 30th November of the relevant year otherwise you will incur a £50 penalty fee on re-joining.