

# Shrewsbury Fisheries



# Multiple Users on the river

- Balancing the needs of:
  - Anglers
  - Cyclists
  - Walkers
  - Dog Walkers
  - Event Organisers
  - Ecologists
  - Rowers
  - Sabrina
  - Wildlife Specialists
  - Residents



# Big Town Plan

- Making more use of the River
- Creating Green networks
- Footpath linkages to sites





# Fishing and the bigger picture

- Greater use of the River
- Monitoring the Health of the River & its tributaries
- River Safety
- ASB, Predation & Poaching
- Competitions increase visitor numbers and dwell time
- Knock on benefits to the town centre hotels and hostelryes



# What have we done

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Audit of Fisheries

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Tree Works Programme

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Grass Cutting regimes

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New Pegs

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New Signage

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Social Media

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Website & On-line payment

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Improved links with Fishing agencies

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National profile



# Prominent Signage on the Fisheries

- Consistent message across all sites
- Identifiable branding of Fisheries
- Contact details readily available
- Sets out the rules



**Shrewsbury Town Fisheries  
County Ground**

Anglers must abide by all Fishing Rules and Regulations, details of which and how to purchase Day & Season tickets can be found at [www.shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.shrewsburytowncouncil.gov.uk)

These waters are checked regularly by the Shrewsbury Town Fisheries Bailiffs

Please report any incidents of poaching, illegal fishing, anti-social behaviour & damage to the Bailiffs on **07976 020 559**

 ANGLING TRUST

 No Alcohol, Bottles & Cans

 No Night-time Fishing

 No Littering

 Pick up Dog Litter

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# Shropshire Council Fisheries

- Oxon Pool
- Emstrey Fisheries
- Economies of Scale grouping the two Fisheries together
- Developing a collective fisheries brand for Shrewsbury

**Shrewsbury Town Fisheries**  
**Oxon Pool Specialist**

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# Fisheries Co-ordinator

- Well respected in the Fishing Industry
- Significant knowledge of the River, its users, impact on fishing
- Close links with the Environment Agency, Angling Trust & Severn Trent
- Forward thinking in terms of managing the Fishing Estate
- Appreciation of fishing impact on the Community
- Ability to seek grant funding that has supported both angling and Countryside Team activity
- Sits on the Town Council Clean Rivers Working Group

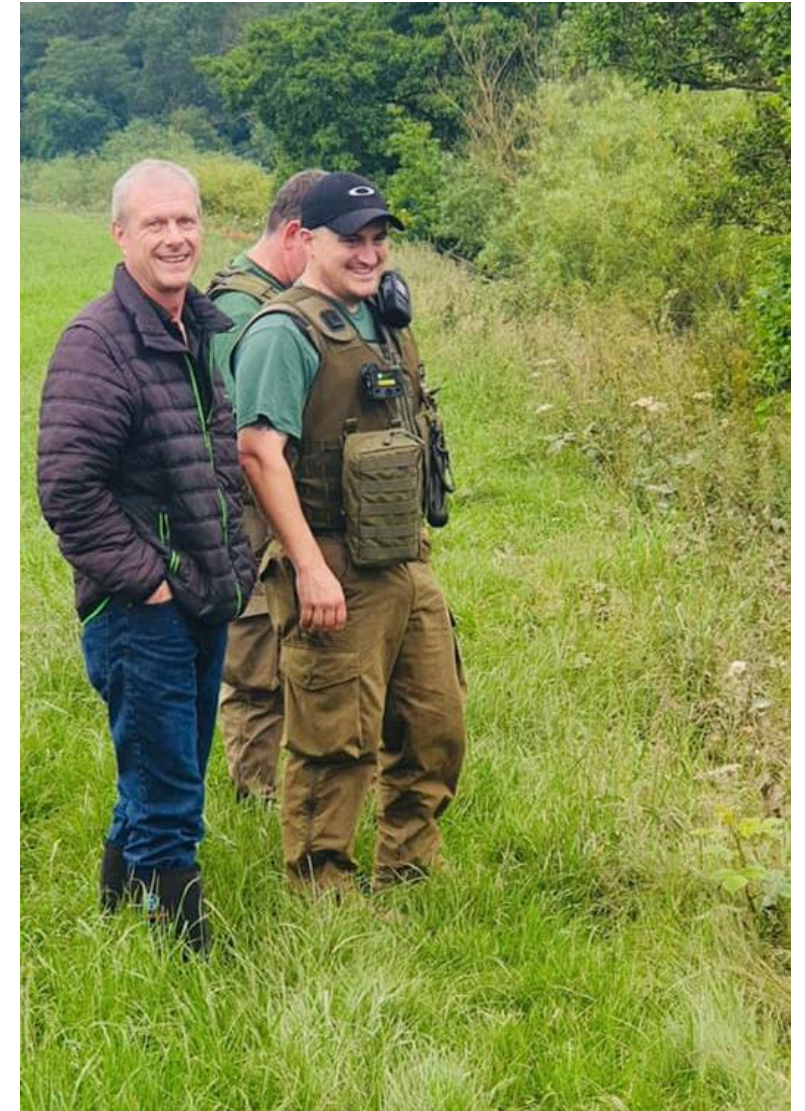






# Bailiffs

- Contact Details available
- 18 Volunteer Bailiffs across all Fisheries
- All DBS Checked
- Emergency Cover for Pools (particular in the summer where oxygen levels are reduced)
- Ambassadors for the Town
- Eyes and Ears of the Fisheries
- Phone
- Radio Link to CCTV
- Body Worn Camera
- Liaising with Local Residents
- Working with the Out of Hours Team
- Feeding into Team Shrewsbury





# Youth & Fishing

- Encouraging the next generation of anglers
- Diversionary activities
- Sponsorship from Angling Firms
- Encourage Families to fish



# Fisheries Membership

- COVID saw an exponential rise in membership
- Approximately 1600 members
- Sell 1500 day tickets a season
- Better Accounting
- Electronic Permitting System done through the Website – much better audit trail

# Liaison with the Town Council

- Regular Meetings
- Agreement on Capital Plans including new piers and fisheries related infrastructure
- Agreement on annual maintenance plans including vegetation clearance
- Support from Countryside Team, Arbor Operatives
- Liaison with Mike Cox & Mike Pugh
- Collaborative relationship with Environment Agency & Angling Trust to promote fishing
- Liaison with Angling Trust on Water Quality



# Countryside Unit

- Manage the land that surrounds Fisheries
- Tree Management – at the right time in the right way
- Countryside Management
- Biodiversity



# Messing about on the river



# Mousecroft Pool



# New Fishing Pegs



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# Profile

## Mousecroft Pool

### Park lake surprises

Robbie Griffiths reveals why he has a soft spot for Shrewsbury's Mousecroft Pool and proves park lakes can hold some real gems

Words & Photography Tony Griegross

COUNCIL-run waters are often seen as the ideal breeding ground for newcomers. Cheaply accessible and full of small silver fish, they are the perfect environment to whet the appetites of those yet to experience the thrill of our sport. Once those basic skills have been mastered, these park lakes and small ponds are usually bypassed in favour of a commercial complex that is home to bigger fish to test their ability.

Preston Innovations-backed Robbie Griffiths has fond memories of gaining the buzz on such venues and although he's sampled a multitude of different venue types since he can't help but still visit one very special gem. At first glance, Shrewsbury's Mousecroft Pool doesn't give off the vibe that it is a haven for big fish. However, if you study catch reports from the venue you'll understand why it has gained a considerable loyal following among local residents. "It is overgrown in parts and no deeper than 4ft throughout but it's full of big bream and carp," says Robbie. "Yes, it looks like the sort of place you might take a newcomer to catch a few small silvers on a whip, but it is much more than just a training ground."

## FISHERY FOCUS

An in-depth guide to the best stillwaters, rivers, and canals that you can fish for the price of a day ticket



## Seeking an escape to calmer waters

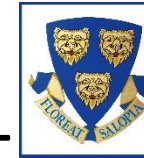
Fishing is seeing participation levels rising dramatically as people look for its physical and mental benefits. Dave Mason and Andy Jones of Total Angling, which has seen demand for... 'It is peaceful, really relaxing and friendly'. The newspaper is talking to anglers of all ages who are enjoying the peace of the water. 'I've been fishing since I was a boy and it's always been a great way to unwind. It's not just about the catch, it's about the time you spend on the bank. It's a real escape from the stresses of life. I've been fishing with Paul Whitehouse and Bob Martin for some time now and they're both really good anglers. They've helped me improve my skills and they've been a great support. I've also been fishing with some other people and they've all been really friendly. It's a great way to meet new people and share your passion for the sport. I've also been fishing with some of the older anglers and they've been really helpful. They've taught me a lot of things that I didn't know before. It's a really nice feeling to be able to help someone else. I've also been fishing with some of the younger anglers and they've been really enthusiastic. They've been learning a lot from me and I've been able to help them. It's a really nice feeling to be able to help someone else. I've also been fishing with some of the older anglers and they've been really helpful. They've taught me a lot of things that I didn't know before. It's a really nice feeling to be able to help someone else. I've also been fishing with some of the younger anglers and they've been really enthusiastic. They've been learning a lot from me and I've been able to help them. It's a really nice feeling to be able to help someone else.

# Developing Best Practice

- Well respected by Environment Agency
- Receives significant grant funding
- Visits from other Authorities on how to manage Fisheries
- Competitions attract high calibre entrants
- Manage Shropshire Council's Fisheries alongside Town Council Fisheries
- Oxon Pool Specialist Fishing
- Water Testing contributing to the overall health management of River Severn
- Coaching of Young Anglers

# Broader Fisheries in Shrewsbury

- Shrewsbury Angling Club
- Rowley & Fenemere
- Birmingham Angling Club



# Rowley & Fenemere Angling Association

- Established Fishing Rights at Castlewalk Recreation Ground
- Good Committee Structure and willingness to be good neighbours
- Commissioned Experts to develop the Fisheries
- Castlewalk area of the River very special qualities in terms of size and breed of fish
- Responsible Management
- Willingness to work with Town Council Officers (in the very same way the Fisheries Co-Ordinator works with staff)
- Site is managed in exactly the same way as other significant locations

# Town Council looking forward

- Land Ownership responsibility
- Economies of Scale
- Access to specialist staff
- Links to other partners
- Keenness for autonomy



# Future of Fisheries

- Rolling programme of replacing worn out infrastructure
- Appreciation of nature and biodiversity
- Contribution of water quality
- Greater collaboration of outside Agencies
- Encouragement of young people
- Perfect example of Volunteering to support a recreational activity
- Ultimate autonomy from the Town Council
- Only recreational activity that contributes to core costs
- Potential for angling to support the wider tourism economy



## Shrewsbury Town Fisheries



# Shrewsbury Town Council

Shrewsbury Town Fisheries is responsible for operating all aspects of coarse and game angling on still and running water owned by Shrewsbury Town Council.

Fishing is open to all members of the general public who purchase an appropriate annual permit or day ticket.

## Latest News

### Shrewsbury Town Fisheries features in the angling press - General

Mousecroft Pool appeared in the latest issue of Improve Your Coarse Fishing this month. Local angler Robbie Griffiths, a regular well known angler on Shrewsbury...

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### New Pegs - General

Over the closed season several new pegs have been installed along County Ground and the upper sections of the Quarry. These extend the capability for...

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