

1st Fishery Watch “Newsletter”

Welcome to the very first edition of the Fishery Watch monthly Newsletter.

It is intended to make this a monthly publication to keep all Water Keepers up to date on what is happening within the organisation. Please feel free to express any comments or suggestions by email to admin@fisherywatch.co.uk and we will try to accommodate your suggestions.

This issue will deal mainly with the new resources available from within the Members section of the Fishery Watch website. There are lots of new things happening and we will update you all in this edition of the Newsletter.



Happy Birthday

We would like to wish our ambassador the legendary Des Taylor a very happy birthday (18/7/20).

LOG YOUR PATROLS

The logging of your patrols is vital to the operation, it enables us to work out how many hours of patrols we are doing, this helps us to show our worth to authorities that we work with and the groups that we approach for funding.

It also enables us to work out what areas are being patrolled regularly and we can pass that onto others in your area, so that everybody is spread out as much as possible covering as much as we can of the waterways.

Simply login to the Fishery Watch website and select Log A Patrol and complete the form. If you have problems logging in simply drop us an email to admin@fisherywatch.co.uk.

Reporting Incidents Online

We have now added a form in the Members section of the site, this enables you to also log any incidents that you have come across and reported to the relevant authorities.

It is very important that all Incidents of any significance are called into the Police or the Environment Agency (EA) before they are logged on our site, please always remember to obtain an incident number and keep a record of that and log it with your form.

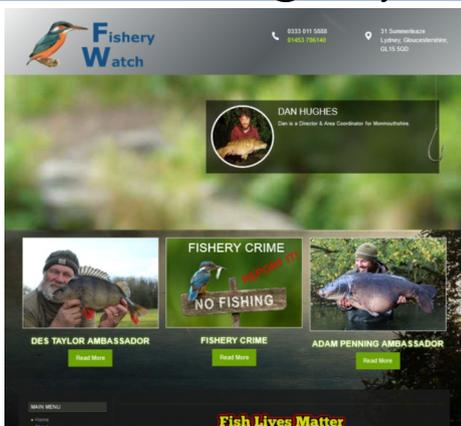
The security used on the forms is the latest PGP encryption as used by the FBI, so it is as secure as it gets. Please also remember to now use the App “What3Words” as a locator for incidents, it is now used by most police forces.

Intelligence Forums

Fishery Watch has invested in a secure setup of Intelligence Forums that is divided up into regions of the country. This enables our Water Keepers to share intelligence with each other, this then creates a network of information being shared amongst all.

It is also intended to offer the Police and the Environment Agency (EA) guest access to this information also in the future.

To access the Intelligence Forums all you need to do is simply log into www.fisherywatch.co.uk. There is no public access to any of this information.



Keeping Safe

Fishery Watch would like to stress the importance of adhering to any current government social distancing measures that maybe currently be in place. We therefore ask that all Water Keepers keep there distance from anglers on the bank by at least two meters.

Please note that the distancing guidelines could be different in some parts of the country to others, due to local lock down rules.





Big Thank You

Fishery Watch has wrote to the chief constable of Thames Valley Police to thank him for the way that his officers rushed to a Fishery Watch Water Keeper in trouble.

Tom Corrigan was being pursued by some poachers when he called into the office for support. We quickly got onto Thames Valley Police who dispatched two cars on a blue light call, they found Tom safe and well.

They then broke down the encampment he had discovered and they even cleaned up all the rubbish left by the poachers.

Tom is our Area Coordinator for Oxfordshire, he is looking for people in the area to assist him, simply email him at tom@fisherywatch.co.uk.

Viewing Patrol Logs

We have now enabled an exciting feature on the site that only Water Keepers can see, when you login you can now lookup patrol logs entered by yourself and others. While viewing the log you are able to view it in PDF format this will enable you to print the patrol log off for keeping a record yourself or simply noting intelligence contained in the log.

I cannot stress enough the importance of all Water Keepers logging Patrols, you do not have to do it daily a weekly account is ok as long as you keep notes, but please log incidents as they happen.

Newly Appointed Directors

Dan Hughes

Joins the board as a Director, and Area Coordinator for Monmouthshire. He is a very dedicated carp and game angler. On behalf of everybody welcome to the board.



Sebastian Coe

Seb also joins the board of Directors, he will also be our new National Enforcement Manager.

Seb is like Dan, likes to get down to things and get them done. Welcome to the board.



Anglers National Line Recycling Scheme

Fishery Watch has now joined up to promoting the ANLRS as part of our commitment to conservation which is usually done through UK Angling & Conservation Group Ltd.

Please note that no financial investment of our funds has been made into this project, it is just something that we think you will all agree is only for the good of angling.

Company News

Fishery Watch became a trading name of UK Angling & Conservation Group Ltd as of 7th April 2020.



This means that we have new accountants, we have appointed Dean Accountancy Services of Lydney, Gloucestershire. We will also be changing our bank in favour of an account in the name of UK Angling & Conservation Group Ltd, this is currently in the process of being opened, we will then move from Lloyds Bank to TSB.