



MALDON ANGLING SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

We are always looking for members who would be willing to contribute to future newsletters. If you have anything fishing related you would like to add then please email it to the email address below.

maldonangling@aol.com

NEW VENUE

We are pleased to announce we have acquired a new venue for our members to fish. Willow Grove is located between Bog Grove and Totham Pit and will be open to members in June 2026. For more information on Willow Grove please see the article in this newsletter.



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CLUB NEWS

MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships for the 26/27 season are currently available for renewals and new members wishing to join. Once we hit our cap, memberships will be closed until 27/28 season.

Memberships are available through the Clubmate App, our Membership Secretary, The Fishing Outlet, Angling Essentials or Yours in Sport. Membership forms are available at Tower Pet and Animal Feeds.

UNDER 12'S

Due to insurance reasons, we have had to up the age of our Accompanied membership category from 10 to 12.

ACI COACHING DATES

06/06/26 – SLOUGH HOUSE WEST

27/06/26 – SLOUGH HOUSE FARM

01/08/26 – BOG GROVE

19/09/26 – BOG GROVE

LEADERS

Following the discovery of rigs with leadcore leaders found in trees at Totham Pit members are reminded of rule 6.3

“Readymade shop bought and homemade leaders made from lead-core, braid, coated braid or similar material attached to the mainline via a loop, splice or connector are banned on all Club waters “

NON-FISHING MEMBERS

We have now a new night permit category for Parents/Guardians of Juniors who wish to fish at night but don't have a parent who fishes.

The Parent/Guardian **MUST** always be with the junior between the hours of 10pm and 5am.

The Junior member must also hold a Night Permit.

All other non-fishing members must be off Society waters between 10pm and 5am.

2026 CARP MATCHES

The dates for this year's Carp matches can be found below. Places for the matches are limited but please contact our Head Bailiff Tony Hayden on **07878 532087** for more information.

Heat one: Slough House Reservoir
March 21st/22nd

Heat two: Totham Pit
April 25th/26th

Heat Three: Slough House Reservoir
July 25th/26th

Heat Four: Totham Pit
August 22nd/23rd

Final: Totham Pit
October 9th/10th/11th

Top three from each heat qualify for the final

CLUB AGM

We held our annual society AGM on Sunday 25th January.

We had a very good attendance with over members 50 attending on the day. As usual it was good to see so many familiar faces and the AGM is always a good time to catch up with members and for members to ask any questions they may have.

Every society officer gave a brief report on the last year and the new season ahead.

All our current Committee members put themselves forward for re-election and all got voted in by the members that attended.

We also welcomed new Committee member Aaron Cheverall who got voted in on the day.



Club President

Britt Snelling

Vice President

Bob Gower

Vice President

Malcolm Gardiner

Vice President

David Spalding

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Paul Kyffin

Vice Chairman and deputy Club Welfare Officer

Peter Harden

Secretary

Peter Garrett

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Minutes Secretary and Club Welfare Officer

Iain Fraser

Fishery Management Officer

Dan Gower

Senior Match Secretary

Julian Jordan

Concessionary Match Secretary

Kevin Acres

Webmaster and Online Membership

Phil Winfield

Junior Events Co-Ordinator

Richard Turner

Head Bailiff

Tony Hayden

Publicity Secretary

Andy Thomas

Wildlife Officer and Club Photographer

Charlie Little

Assistant Fishery Management Officer

Paul Kemp

Assistant Fishery Management Officer

Dean Cowell

Assistant Fishery Management Officer

Aaron Cheverall

WILLOW GROVE

Maldon Angling Society are pleased to announce we have acquired the lease on a new water that is expected to open to members in June 2026.

Willow Grove is a new lake that has over the last few years been excavated between Bog Grove and Totham Pit.

The lake is around two acres, has depths of up to 18 feet and has plenty of underwater features like gravel bars and deep holes.

Willow Grove will primarily a Specimen Carp lake and has been stocked with 4 age group fish up to mid-twenties, both Commons and Mirrors.

These fish are expected to put on weight quickly.

With just six swims on the lake every swim will have plenty of water to fish.

We will also be looking to stock 200 Perch so Willow Grove will also be a future Specimen Perch lake.

Willow Grove will have a twenty-hour limit in place followed by at least a twenty-four hour break away from the fishery.

There will also be bait limits in place, please see the rule board in the Car Park for more information.

These bait limits and any other rules will also be announced on our Facebook page and the club website closer to Willow Groves opening day. Although at present Willow Grove does look bare and barren there will be landscaping happening soon.



WILLOW GROVE BEING EXCAVATED





ONE OF THE STUNNING FISH THAT HAS BEEN STOCKED IN TO WILLOW GROVE

JUNIOR SECTION

2026/27 SEASON JUNIOR EVENTS

May 2026 – Bog Grove

**June 2026 – Slough House West –
Full Lake closure**

**26/07/2026 – Slough House West –
President's match**

**01/08/2026 – Slough House Farm Res –
24hr Junior night fishing event**

September 2026 – Heron Hall

**17/10/2026 – Totham Pit –
PAC Pike event – Full Lake closure**

November 2026 – Little London

Dates will be published a month in advance if not published above. These will be published on our Facebook group and Website; signs will also be placed on the gate of the venue a week in advance.

Full lake closures are from 7am of the event day

For any information on any of our junior events or to be added to our junior events WhatsApp group, please contact me on:

07460 383368

Richard Turner

Junior Events Co-ordinator

GOWER MULTI SPECIES CHALLENGE

This coming season I'm running a new competition for our junior members. The aim of the competition is to catch as many different species as possible from our waters with each one is worth a points total.

Points each species are worth:

Common Carp – 1 point

Perch – 1 point

Roach – 1 point

Rudd – 1 point

Chub – 2 points

Skimmer – 2 points

Mirror Carp – 3 points

Idle – 3 points

Bream over 2lb – 3 points

Dace – 3 points

Pike – 3 points

Tench – 3 points

Goldfish/Brown Goldfish – 3 points

Eel – 4 points

Gudgeon – 5 points

Crucian Carp – 8 points

Barbel – 8 points

Minnow – 10 points

Ruffe – 10 points

Grass Carp – 12 points

Fish must be caught from Maldon waters with a monthly update on the website and Facebook page.

Competition is open to all under 16's. All catches must be reported to me so I can keep the table updated.

MALDON ANGLING SOCIETY

JUNIOR FISHING DAYS

OPEN TO ALL MAS JUNIOR MEMBERS



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO JOIN THE
JUNIOR WHATSAPP GROUP CONTACT
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CONCESSIONARY MATCHES

CONCESSIONARY MATCH FIXTURES 2026/27

07/04/26 – Bog Grove
14/04/26 – Oakford Middle Lake
21/04/26 – Heron Hall
28/04/26 – Rook Hall
05/05/26 – Slough House Farm
12/05/26 – Slough House West
19/05/26 – Bog Grove
26/05/26 – Oakford Top Lake
02/06/26 – Rook Hall (Dennis Penn trophy)
09/06/26 – Slough House Farm
16/06/26 – Heron Hall
23/06/26 – Tesco Canal
30/06/26 – Bog Grove (Senior Citizens trophy)
07/07/26 – Slough House West
14/07/26 – Rook Hall
21/07/26 – Heron Hall (Alf Burton trophy)
28/07/26 – Little London
04/08/26 – Slough House Farm
(Silvers Only, Pairs)
11/08/26 – Slough House West (Askew Cup)
18/08/26 – Heron Hall
25/08/26 – Rook Hall
01/09/26 – Oakford Middle Lake
08/09/26 – Chapmans Canal
15/09/26 – Slough House Farm
22/09/26 – Rook Hall
29/09/26 – Paper Mill
06/10/26 – Heron Hall
13/10/26 – Slough House West
20/10/26 – Heybridge Basin
27/10/26 – Slough House Farm (Silvers Only)
03/11/26 – Bog Grove

CONCESSIONARY MATCH FIXTURES 2026/27 CONTINUED

10/11/26 – Lakelands Lily Lake
17/11/26 – Boreham Back Bridge
24/11/26 – Slough House Farm
(Ted Cornwell trophy)
01/12/26 – Heron Hall
08/12/26 – Lakelands Wood Lake
15/12/26 – Heybridge Basin
22/12/26 – Bog Grove (Christmas Match)
05/01/27 – Heybridge Basin
12/01/27 – Lakelands Lily Lake
19/01/27 – Heybridge Basin
26/01/27 – Bog Grove
02/02/27 – Commercial Fishery T.B.A
09/02/27 – Heybridge Basin
(Presidents Senior Citizens trophy)
16/02/27 – Lakelands Wood Lake
23/02/27 – Heybridge Basin
02/03/27 – Tesco Canal
09/03/27 – Heybridge Basin
16/03/27 – Heron Hall
23/03/27 – Slough House Farm (Pairs Match)
30/03/27 – Slough House West

Our Concessionary matches are fished from 10am to 3pm with the draw taking place at 9am.

Members wishing to fish a Concessionary match must book in advance with one of the match organisers as some fisheries have limited availability.

For more information on our Concessionary matches or to book a peg then please contact one of the below:

Kevin Acres: 07938 548777

Steve Willis: 07741 494512

Gus Lee: 07594 483274

13/01/26 – Lakelands Lily Lake

- 1) S Joy – 8lb 6oz 8drms
- 2) M Maynard – 7lb 5oz
- 3) B Webber – 5lb 11oz
- 4) D Tarrel – 5lb
- 5) T Aldworth – 4lb 7oz 8drms
- 6) K Acres – 2lb 4oz 8drms
- 7) P Talbot – 1lb 10oz
- 8) D Murton – 1lb 4oz 8drms
- 9) R Harrington – 8oz
- 10) G Lee & N Cook - DNW

20/01/26 – Heybridge Basin

- 1) S Joy – 10lb 3oz
- 2) M Maynard – 7lb 6oz
- 3) C Dyall – 6lb 10oz
- 4) D Murton – 6lb 9oz 8drms
- 5) A Stebbing – 6lb 2oz 8drms
- 6) D Tarrel – 4lb 15oz 8drms
- 7) N Cook – 4lb 10oz
- 8) K Acres – 3lb 1oz
- 9) T Aldworth – 2lb 6oz
- 10) P Talbot – 1lb 13oz 8drms
- 11) G Lee – 1lb 2oz
- 12) D Nicholls – 9oz

03/02/26 – Blasford Hill

- 1) S Joy – 65lb 8oz
- 2) T Aldworth – 43lb 12oz
- 3) M Maynard – 23lb 2oz
- 4) D Tarrel – 22lb 5oz 8drms
- 5) G Lee – 21lb 5oz
- 6) D Nicholls – 18lb 2oz
- 7) D Fawcett – 16lb 15oz
- 8) P Talbot – 15lb 1oz
- 9) B Webber – 14lb 3oz
- 10) K Acres – 13lb 7oz
- 11) R Harrington – 7lb 1oz 8drms
- 12) N Cook – 4lb 5oz 8drms
- 13) A Stebbing - DNW

10/02/26 – Heybridge Basin

- 1) S Joy – 15lb 3oz
- 2) M Maynard – 11lb 3oz
- 3) D Tarrel – 9lb 10oz
- 4) K Acres – 6lb 14oz
- 5) R Harrington – 2lb 14oz

17/02/26 – Lakelands Wood Lake

- 1) S Willis – 20lb 9oz
- 2) D Tarrel – 16lb 9oz 8drms
- 3) B Webber – 14lb 9oz 8drms
- 4) M Maynard – 9oz
- 5) R Harrington -8drms
- 6) N Cook, T Aldworth, K Acres DNW

24/02/26 – Tesco Canal

- 1) S Joy – 11lb 14oz
- 2) K Acres – 3lb 12oz
- 3) D Fawcett – 2lb 11oz
- 4) S Willis – 2lb 8oz 8drms
- 5) T Aldworth – 2lb 6oz
- 6) R Smith – 2lb 3oz
- 7) C Dyall – 1lb 6oz
- 8) M Maynard – 1lb 3oz
- 9) R Harrington – 1lb
- 10) D Nicholls – 11oz 8drms
- 11) N Cook – DNW

Steve Joy wins the Presidents senior citizens trophy

03/03/26 – Heybridge Basin

- 1) S Joy – 15lb 15oz
- 2) A Stebbing – 10lb 7oz
- 3) K Acres – 6lb 10oz 8drms
- 4) D Tarrell – 6lb 2oz 8drms
- 5) R Smith – 5lb 12oz
- 6) C Dyall – 3lb 13oz 8drms
- 7) R Harrington – 3lb 8oz
- 8) T Aldworth – 3lb 7oz
- 9) N Cook – 3lb 6oz
- 10) S Willis - DNW

10/03/26 – Heybridge Basin

- 1) S Joy – 9lb 1oz
- 2) A Stebbing – 8lb 12oz 8drms
- 3) K Acres – 7lb 12oz
- 4) M Maynard – 7lb 11oz 8drms
- 5) D Tarrel – 6lb 8oz 8drms
- 6) R Smith – 3lb 8oz
- 7) S Root – 3lb 2oz 8drms
- 8) R Harrington – 1lb 9oz
- 9) C Dyall - DNW



**STEVE JOY RECEIVING THE PRESIDENTS SENIOR CITIZEN TROPHY FROM
CONCESSIONARY MATCH SECRETARY KEVIN ACRES**



**STEVE JOY RECEIVING THE CONCESSIONARY MATCHMAN OF THE YEAR TROPHY FROM
CONCESSIONARY MATCH SECRETARY KEVIN ACRES**

2026/2027 SENIOR MATCHES

12/04/26	CLUB MATCH	SLOUGH HOUSE WEST
10/05/26	CLUB MATCH	BOG GROVE
24/05/26	CLUB MATCH – SILVERS ONLY	TOTHAM PIT
07/06/26	TOM MARTIN MEMORIAL	BOG GROVE
21/06/26	ESSEX INTERCLUB LEAGUE AWAY	KDAA WATERS
28/06/26	CLUB MATCH	ROOK HALL
12/07/26	ESSEX INTERCLUB LEAGUE AWAY	C.A.P.S WATERS
26/07/26	PRESIDENTS MATCH	SLOUGH HOUSE FARM/SLOUGH HOUSE WEST
02/08/26	CLUB MATCH	HERON HALL
09/08/26	ESSEX INTERCLUB LEAGUE	SLOUGH HOUSE FARM/HERON HALL SLOUGH HOUSE WEST/ROOK HALL
23/08/26	CLUB MATCH – SILVERS ONLY	SLOUGH HOUSE WEST
06/09/26	ESSEX INTERCLUB LEAGUE AWAY	DOES WATERS
13/09/26	CLUB MATCH	SLOUGH HOUSE FARM
27/09/26	ESSEX INTERCLUB LEAGUE	RIVER CHELMER
04/10/26	CLUB MATCH	LITTLE LONDON
18/10/26	CLUB MATCH – SILVERS ONLY	SLOUGH HOUSE FARM
25/10/26	MALDON CANAL SINGLES LEAGUE 1	HEYBRIDGE BASIN
01/11/26	ESSEX INTERCLUB LEAGUE HOME	MALDON CANAL
08/11/26	MALDON CANAL SINGLES LEAGUE 2	HEYBRIDGE BASIN
22/11/26	MALDON CANAL SINGLES LEAGUE 3	HEYBRIDGE BASIN
06/12/26	MALDON CANAL SINGLES LEAGUE 4	HEYBRIDGE BASIN
20/12/26	CLUB MATCH – SILVERS ONLY	HERON HALL
03/01/27	CANAL OPEN 1	HEYBRIDGE BASIN
17/01/27	CANAL OPEN 2	HEYBRIDGE BASIN
31/01/27	CANAL OPEN 3	HEYBRIDGE BASIN
14/02/27	CANAL OPEN 4	HEYBRIDGE BASIN
28/02/27	CANAL OPEN 5	HEYBRIDGE BASIN
14/03/27	CLUB MATCH	SLOUGH HOUSE FARM

Tom Martin Memorial Match – This our annual Committee and Members V Bailiffs and Members Match. This match is fished in memory of the long-term landowner of Totham Pit and Bog Grove.

Presidents Match – This is our annual Committee and Bailiffs V Members Match. Food and drink are always supplied to those attending at the culmination of the Match and presentation. We would also like to invite our Landowners and any Members that would like to come down after the match for a social, even if they are not competing. It's a way of saying thank you to our members and a way of meeting everyone outside of the more serious AGM scenario.

For more information or to book a peg then please contact one of the following:

Julian Jordan: 07810 303447

REEL IMPACT ANGLING

FISHING WITH PURPOSE, PATHWAY AND IMPACT.

Reel Impact Angling is an Essex-based community angling initiative built on a clear belief. Fishing is one of the most powerful yet underused tools for improving mental wellbeing, confidence and social connection. Founded locally, the programme delivers structured, progressive angling development pathways that support individuals both on and off the bank.

We are not just a Carp outfit. We teach everything from whip and pole fishing for complete beginners right through to advanced Carp angling and specimen tactics. Our delivery model is built around structured 4, 6, 8 and 12-week programmes, allowing participants to progress safely and confidently through the sport.

Each programme focuses on:

- Watercraft and fish care
- Technical angling development
- Confidence building
- Routine and personal responsibility
- Positive social interaction

Reel Impact Angling works with:

- SEND Children and young people
- Individuals experiencing school avoidance
- Those struggling with anxiety, depression and other mental health challengers
- Adults in recovery
- Individuals facing isolation or disengagement

We are currently engaged with the NHS neighbourhood team, exploring how structured angling programmes can support early intervention and community wellbeing pathways. We are also in discussion with established national charities regarding collaborative delivery and referral partnerships.

In addition, Reel Impact Angling has received growing support within the angling industry, with recognised tackle firms backing the initiative and supporting its long-term development.

The vision is clear, to create a structured pathway into Angling that not only develops skill but strengthens individuals.

Alongside our outreach work, we have launched the Reel Impact Angling League.

The league brings anglers together in a structured, fair and transparent format.

Members fish within agreed guidelines across a season, logging captures and competing for prizes before coming together for a 48-hour social finale event.

The league promotes strong angling standards, sportsmanship and local community spirit, whilst also helping support the wider outreach programme.

Reel Impact Angling operates under the Essex Hub CIC, ensuring accountability, governance a clear community focus in everything we deliver.

Fishing has always been about more than just catching fish. Reel Impact Angling exists to make sure that impact reaches as many people as possible across Essex and beyond.

For more information, please contact Bradley Storey:

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CALM LAKESIDE SUPPORT THROUGH ANGLING

Reel Impact Angling provides structured, outdoor fishing sessions for children, young people, and adults who need space, routine, and time away from pressure.

OUR SESSIONS SUPPORT:

ASD **ADHD** **SEND** **ANXIETY** **MENTAL WELLBEING**

Including emotional regulation, school avoidance, confidence building, and neurodiverse needs.

Sessions are calm, non-clinical, and delivered in nature, allowing each individual to progress at their own pace.

SELF-REFERRAL AND PROFESSIONAL REFERRALS NOW OPEN
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WHAT FISHING MEANS TO ME

Fishing is my happy place, my reset, where I can forget about my worries and troubles.

I have suffered with depression and anxiety for many years and find life difficult at times. Fishing provides a release from this as it gives me something to focus on and look forward to. I always have that sense of excitement before my next session.

I have read that medical that medical experts are now recommending going fishing and being in nature as a great way to help with mental health issues.

Being outside in nature, the excitement and the anticipation of catching a fish, sharing your catches with friends, chatting with likeminded people and feeling part of a community.

All of these things make fishing special.

Being up at the crack of dawn on a summer morning with mist rising from the water, Birds singing in the surrounding trees, your float sliding under and the rod tip bending right over.... Is there anything better?

Top specimen hunter, leading match man, master of watercraft... I am none of these unfortunately, I just love to go fishing, it's as simple as that.

Nick O'Shea

Maldon Angling Society Member



FISHERY MANAGEMENT

Again, we have had a busy few months with stockings being our main focus for 2026. We did start the year with our first batch of blue dye going into Totham Pit and Rook Hall to help control the weed better.

Richard Turner helped me with chainsaw work at Bog Grove and Totham Pit to sort out some trees that had come down during bad weather.

Following on from the success of the fish hides at Slough House West, the team have built some and placed them in Bog Grove to give the fish some cover from the continuing Cormorant problem we are facing.

We have also made some scarecrows round our waters to also help with the issue.

If one of these are in a swim you wish to fish, then please move it to another swim. Also, if you see one fallen over then please upright it.

We have stocked Bog Grove with 65 Barbel between 1lb and 2lb, along with 700 Ide between 8oz and 1lb, 100 Tench between 1.5lb and 2lb and 150 Crucians between 6oz and 8oz.

The decision to stock Barbel into a still water will have a divided opinion but with Barbel spending most of their life nailed to the bottom it makes it very difficult for Cormorants to get them. It also gives our members another species to target.

We have 2026 plans to stock Slough House West with 100 Ide between 8oz and 1lb along with Heron Hall which will be stocked with 100 Crucians between 4oz and 6oz plus 200 further Ide between 8oz and 1lb.

Unfortunately, along with the good news we also have to report bad news with a rigs being found at Totham Pit with leadcore leaders. We also found a staggering 15 lures in trees at Totham Pit, most of which had line that looked well under the club's minimum strength for Pike fishing of 15lb. Our bailiffs will be carrying out more rig checks so if asked to reel for a check then please assist them as they are just trying to make our Fisheries better and keep our stocks safe.

As always, I'd like to thank those who continually help out with all the work round our fisheries.

The time you put in is greatly appreciated by not just me but all the Committee and no doubt our members.

Dan Gower

Fishery Management Officer









MY WINTER ON THE PIT

My name is Jack Height; I have been a member of Maldon Angling Society for just over a year. In that time, I've gained valuable experience and thoroughly enjoyed my time on the society's waters. When I first started fishing at Maldon, I knew very little about their lakes or their stocks. As my first winter approached, I felt both excited and unsure of what to expect. After speaking with several members, I learned that Totham Pit often produces good results during the colder months. Based on that advice, I decided to focus my winter efforts there. I spent time preparing for the change in conditions – refining rigs, improving my approach to locating fish and getting everything ready. My first winter session on Sunday 21st December resulted in a blank. After reflecting on it, I realised I had not positioned myself in the right area of the lake. My second session also ended in a blank, which was discouraging, but I remained determined.

I returned for a third session later that week, confident that it would finally produce my first winter fish from the pit.

I got to the lake that day and had a good look around looking in all the places you would think the Carp would typically be. As I was looking at the reeds, I could see them knocking and my instant thought was I'd found some Carp. Excited, I started setting up for the day ahead. I got the rods out straight away, hoping I would be off the mark for the winter on the pit. I sat back for an hour while watching the reeds still knocking, I was very confident and as soon as I looked at my phone, I heard my alarm melt off into action. I was into my first winter Carp, a mid-double was soon landed.

I put the rod straight back out and within 10 minutes I was away again with another mid double Common.

After this session I knew the Pit was the one to fish for the winter.



I did another session a couple of days later. I went back in the same swim as I knew the fish wouldn't have moved far away with it being winter. I was right in my thinking as the fish hadn't moved from the reeds. I had a session to remember as I landed four fish up to 24lb, I couldn't have asked for a better winter session.

After the result of that session, I was confident for the rest of the winter, but I went back a week later and blanked, but I knew it could all come good again following my success of the previous session.

I then suffered a month of not catching and even thought of giving another water a go for the little time of winter that remained, but I thought I would give it one last go.

I turned up at the Pit for one last go and picked a swim that had been producing some fish. It was a no brainer to fish that area and got the rods straight out onto the spots I'd chosen.

I cast one solid bag onto each spot and as I sat back, I was constantly getting liners. I just knew it was the day to break my blanking streak.

My tip then bent rod and I was again into a Totham Pit winter Carp.

I was so happy to receive the take, but little did I know just how special the fish was that I was connected to.

The fish I landed was a new personal best for me, a stunning Common of 29.04. I was over the moon with the fish, and it completed a winter to remember on the Pit.

Jack Height

Maldon Angling Society Member



JACK HEIGHTS STUNNING 29.04LB COMMON THAT COMPLETED HIS WINTER CAMPAIGN ON TOTHAM PIT

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CATCH REPORTS



**COUPLE OF TOTHAM PIT PIKE FOR
COMMITTEE MEMBER DEAN COWELL**



SLOUGH HOUSE FARM CARP FOR HARVEY ROSTRON



MALCOLM TEADER WITH A TOTHAM PIT COMMON



**ONE OF SIX FISH ADRIAN HUGHES HAD
OUT IN A DAY FROM HERON HALL**



**COMMITTEE MEMBERS JULIAN JORDAN AND
KEVIN ACRES WITH BAGS FROM THE CANAL
AT HEYBRIDGE BASIN**



**DEAN COWELL WITH TOTHAM PIT FISH OF
24LB, 27.05LB AND 30LB**



KEVIN KLIMCKE WITH A TOTHAM PIT COMMON



**JOE AND HARRY HARBERS NET OF FISH FROM
THE BLACKWATER AT WICKHAM BISHOPS**



**JULIAN JORDAN WITH A 3LB PERCH FROM
HEYBRIDGE BASIN**



**A VERITABLE ALADDINS CAVE OF EVERYTHING RELATED TO FISHING TACKLE,
STUFFED FROM FLOOR TO CEILING AND EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY**

**PINEAPPLE BOBS ANGLING ESSENTIALS
14 CHURCH STREET
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CLUB MERCHANDISE

We now have new products available including more hats and headwear, luggage and bags, cups and mugs and more colours in the range.

Please see the Clubmate for more details



Part No: maldont
Maldon Tshirt

£15.00
(Inc. VAT)



Part No: maldonpolo
Maldon Polo

£18.00
(Inc. VAT)



Part No: maldonhoody
Maldon Hoody

£35.00
(Inc. VAT)



Part No: maldonlst
Maldon LST

£18.00
(Inc. VAT)



Part No: maldonfleece
Maldon Fleece

£35.00
(Inc. VAT)



Part No: maldonsoftj
Maldon Softshell Jacket

£56.00
(Inc. VAT)



Part No: maldoncrag
Maldon Craghopper

£62.00
(Inc. VAT)



Part No: maldonsoftg
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If you show any of the symptoms after fishing, then please tell your doctor you may have been exposed to Leptospirosis so they can consider this as a diagnosis.

What precautions to take:

Cover any cuts, sores or scratches with waterproof plasters or use gloves.

Disinfect any wounds that occur at the waterside.

Wash your hands before you eat.

Do not put your hands in your mouth after immersing in water.

Never place bait or fishing line in your mouth



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- 1) Anglers must comply with Environment Agency bylaws & hold a valid rod licence for the number of rods in use.
- 2) Close season applies 15th March to 15th June inclusive.
- 3) Anglers using the Chelmer & Blackwater Navigation do so at their own risk. Maldon Angling Society accepts no responsibility or liability for the loss of, or damage to any tackle, property, or personal possessions.
- 4) Anglers are responsible both for keeping their swim and surrounding area free from litter.
- 5) Anglers must not dig swims into the bank.
- 6) No angler is permitted to kill or take away any fish.
- 7) No fish to be kept in captivity for longer than 6 hours and any fish showing signs or distress should be returned immediately.
- 8) No fires are allowed on the banks.
- 9) Where a match is advertised, the stretch of water will be closed for fishing from both banks for 2 hours before and 1 hour after the match.
- 10) The use of live baits is not permitted.
- 11) Anglers fishing for Carp and Pike must use an unhooking mat.
- 12) Hooks and bait must be removed from the water if the swim is left for any reason.
- 13) Carp sacks are not to be used & Carp over 5lbs will not be retained by any method, except during officially booked matches.
- 14) Anglers must be in possession of a suitably sized landing net.
- 15) No fishing within 30 meters of any lock, nor within 15 meters of any bridge, weir, wharf, landing stage, permanent mooring, or any other navigational structure.
- 16) No fishing on that part of the waterway just above Daisy meadow car park & Heybridge Basin.
- 17) No fishing between Paper Mill Road bridge & the upstream end of the towpath moorings at papermill.
- 18) No fishing on the waterway adjacent to Treasure Island at Little Baddow.
- 19) No fishing on the part of waterway adjacent to the south bank between Hall bridge Heybridge & Heybridge Basin.
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Equipment is a big risk in transferring diseases

England and Wales has over 10,000 registered fisheries and 1 million regular anglers. One of the biggest threats to the angling industry is the transfer of disease between fisheries through fish movements or equipment.

Fishery managers can only do so much to reduce the risk of disease transmission and the spread of non-native species between fisheries, so anglers must do all they can to safeguard the future of their sport.

It has been proven that angling equipment poses a major risk in the transfer of diseases between fisheries. A recent Cefas experiment found that nets infected with KHV spread the disease to healthy fish. Other studies have found a range of fish pathogens and invasive species can also be spread by angling equipment.

Critically, once diseases are present in a fishery they are often impossible to treat. They have a detrimental effect to fish populations and the wider aquatic ecosystem. Therefore preventing the spread of diseases is vital to safeguard the fisheries industry.

You can help by using disinfectant to thoroughly disinfect your equipment between angling trips. This kills disease pathogens which stops the spread of disease. If you cannot use chemical disinfectants, you can dry and expose your equipment to UV light when at home. But this is not as reliable as the use of disinfectant and may not kill all disease pathogens.



What equipment to disinfect

It's not always practical to disinfect all your equipment so focus on the items which are high risk, especially those that touch fish or water.

Therefore check, clean, disinfect and dry:

- landing nets
- keep nets
- unhooking mats
- boots
- weigh slings

This helps stop your equipment spreading water, pathogens, or animals between fisheries.

