

# Angling Improvement Fund

- Funded with rod licence money
- Distributed to clubs, organisations and fisheries to improve facilities for anglers
- One of the ways the Angling Trust and environment Agency hope to encourage angling participation
- Help fund projects that help to deliver the National Angling Strategy



# Key Features of the fund

- It isn't necessary to be an Angling Trust member club
- 2 – 3 rounds offered each year
- Usually themed e.g. predation control, access improvements etc.
- Max grant is typically £5,000
- Simple application form and we aim for a quick turn around time
- Successful projects have thought of ways of maximising new angling opportunities
- As an applicant you should bring your own contribution, either cash funding, other grants, donated materials or volunteer time

# Summary so far

- Launched January 2015 and £115,000 was allocated for 31 projects in rounds 1 and 2
- Crucially every successful bid had matched funding bringing the total to £315,000
- Round 3, £125,303 was allocated for 29 projects (includes 8 otter fence projects)
- Total with match funding for round 3 £344,975
- Round 4, £101,187 was allocated for 25 projects
- Total with match funding for round 4 £188,845

# Inclusive to all clubs

The Trust wants to ensure all fishing clubs have a good chance of making a successful bid for funding not just big highly organised clubs who have experience of submitting funding bids, therefore we're holding workshops all around the country, which will also highlight other ways of getting funding.

Dates and locations will be made available soon

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# Protecting Fisheries From Otters

## Christchurch Angling Club

- Christchurch AC will use its award to erect otter-proof fencing to protect crucian and tench stocks at its Holtwood Lake complex.
- Conservation has always been at the heart of what the club does and the fencing will be designed and built to do its job with as little disturbance as possible to other wildlife.



# Protecting Rivers From Cormorants

River Eden & District Fisheries Association (REDFA)

As part of its Area Licence (which covers 10 fisheries/licenseses and over 50km of water) REDFA has resumed twice yearly bird counts but is hindered by out of date maps and poor boundary information.

The award from the Fund will be used to produce new updated GIS maps for use by participating clubs and fisheries.



# Getting kids into trout fishing



## Ayton Angling Association

- Once complete, the project will allow Larners Lake to become one of the most accessible trout fisheries in the area with good parking, toilet facilities and disabled access, supported by a number of qualified licensed coaches.
- The club also hopes to offer the water to Talent Pathway projects run by other coaches with junior learners. Significantly, the improvements will not only support Ayton AA, but will also assist events run in conjunction with neighbouring Hutton Rugby Fly Fishing Club, which won funding for river-based habitat improvement work in Round 1 of the Fund.

# Funding is made available in several rounds throughout the year

Each round has themes:

## Round1

Improve facilities, buy equipment, restore habitats or fund projects that get more people fishing more often

## Round2

a, Projects fighting against predation

b, Getting kids fishing

## Round3

a, Otter proofing projects

b, The best unsuccessful bids up to that date

## Round4

a, Partnerships between clubs, fisheries and schools

b, Community waters projects

**£226,000 was allocated to rounds 3 and 4**



# The next round of funding

The date for round 5 hasn't been released yet but is likely to be June or July and although not confirmed, the likely themes for the coming year are:

- Junior fishing
- Predation prevention
- General access
- Disabled angler projects



Consult the Angling Improvement Fund web page for details of how to apply.

# Will local EA teams no longer fund projects ?

- Fishing based projects will now be funded through the Angling Improvement Fund, managed by the Angling Trust
- Habitat improvement projects aimed at issues such as fish passage, sediment issues, woody debris etc. will be funded by The Environment Agency Fisheries Improvement Program. If you are interested contact your local EA Fisheries Team

