

## **Brian Clark**

As a keen angler I am committed to the protection of the environment so that future generations can benefit from fishing in natural habitats. My professional background is as a senior manager and board member and I believe that the knowledge and skills that I have developed in the public, private and voluntary sector could be beneficial to furthering the aims of the Angling Trust. I believe that fishing (and other sports) can significantly enhance health and well-being.

I began fishing as a boy on holidays to Guernsey (Channel Islands), where my family originate, catching rock fish (wrasse) on a hand line from the shore. I was "hooked early" and since then have tried and enjoyed most forms of angling including sea fishing, coarse fishing (carp particularly) and, since I have retired, fly fishing for trout. I have taught my sons (and others) to fish and one of them at least, is as keen as I am!

My experience of leadership and governance as part of board/committee roles is extensive in the Probation Service (CEO and Board member), Symmetric LLP (senior associate) and Mind (Mental Health Charity Board Chair and Treasurer). I have worked on audit, finance, performance and enforcement sub committees. All of these roles involved strategic planning to enable improvement and the achievement of organisational objectives.

In my view, an area for the Angling Trust to give further attention to should be communications and media, in order to increase the membership, improve fundraising and facilitate partnerships.

I have experience and knowledge of campaigning and lobbying for the rights and needs of mentally ill people through my work in the Probation Service, NHS and Mind. My knowledge of the Criminal Justice System has re-enforced my belief that regulation and rules are critical to promote and ensure good behaviour from both individuals and organisations. Environmental protection requires an effective system of regulation and in my view a collaborative inter agency approach is likely to achieve the best results.