

NATIONAL GUIDANCE FOR ANGLING CLUBS AND FISHERIES ISSUED BY THE ANGLING TRUST - April 2020



Whilst travelling for the purpose of recreational fishing is clearly not permissible under the current Coronavirus restrictions, there are a range of activities deemed as essential for which travel is both required and lawful.

This has been confirmed by the National Policing Lead on Rural & Wildlife Crime on April 6th who has advised that:

“The Police support and protect the UK’s infrastructure, including the recreational fishing industry, recognising that waters and commercial interests still require protection at this difficult time. If a person’s essential travel is ‘reasonable’ and ‘proportionate’ then they should fulfil their roles protecting fisheries, whilst taking as much care as possible to prevent the spread of the virus.”

These activities include:

- Maintaining safety and security at a fishery
- Protecting the fishery from theft or damage
- Enforcing fishery closure
- Checking on the welfare of fish stocks
- Where necessary feeding fish
- Other work deemed essential that is reasonable and proportionate

A full copy of the guidance issued to angling clubs and fisheries by the Angling Trust can be found here: <https://joinanglingtrust.net/covid19-orgs/>

ACCREDITATION

The person(s) accredited to carry out all or some of the above work on behalf of:

_____ (fishery/angling club)

Are as follows:

1) _____

2) _____

Authorised by:

_____ (title)

_____ (date)

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