

GENERAL NOTES TO MEMBERS

Membership Card and Rod Licence.

Members are issued with a DFFC Membership Card and the Club rules require Members to carry this card and a valid Environment Agency Rod Licence at all times while fishing. It is one of the conditions of the fishing leased by the Club that Members fishing are able to verify their right to do so on such water by production of a valid Membership card and a valid Guest's Day Ticket, in respect of any Guest fishing with them.

Beat Booking.

To Reserve a Beat and to avoid overlapping or congestion on any section of the Club water, it is a requirement that Members should book their beats beforehand. Beat 1 is free of booking requirements.

The main beat booking system is on the Club website, but you can still phone James Rotherham during the appropriate hours if necessary. You are encouraged to phone James with any observations or suggestions or just for a chat.

To avoid the disproportionate booking of beats to a single person or to a small group the normal maximum allocation to an individual is one beat with an additional beat for each Guest, subject to regard for the interest of other Members wishing to fish at the same time. If, on the day of fishing, there exist ample spare beats, Members may book two or more beats as appropriate.

Although every reasonable care is taken to avoid double booking, a misunderstanding can lead to a Member or Guest finding another person fishing "his" or "her" beat. Please remember that the other "fisherman" may be our landlord, and to cause offence could lead to great embarrassment or worse! Please remember that when booking beats, it is the column to the left of the date cells that refers to the Beats you are booking and not the words in the cells.

Rod Sharing

Members are entitled to be accompanied by one Guest sharing his or her rod at any time during the year. The Member must remain in close proximity at all times. Only one rod may be taken to the river. When sharing a rod, the combined number of fish killed by the Member and Guest shall not exceed the limit of 3 brace.

The requirement for Guests to visit Leadmill Fish Farm and disinfect their boots, waders and landing net before commencement of fishing still applies when sharing a rod.

Members are to record each and every excursion to the river. It is important that trips when no fish were caught should be recorded as our records may well be the best information there is on our stretch of the river.

Please ensure that you complete your catch return record after each visit to the River, so that an accurate record is kept on a progressive basis and send them in to the Club Archivist by 10th October at the latest. This is most important - If any problems arise with water supply, pollution or fish killed during preceding years, these returns will provide vital evidence.

The Member is responsible for recording details on their annual catch return of all the fish caught/taken by the Member and Guest when sharing a rod.

Car Parks are provided at Shaley Bank Wood (beat 4), the Quarry (beats 6 and 7), at By Flats (beats 8 and 9) and also below Yorkshire Bridge (beat 21). Members are requested to make use of these facilities to avoid parking on the road. Also, to discourage poachers, please ensure that the gates are locked on leaving.

The Plough (beat 9). Access to the river from The Plough has been arranged via a gate in the overspill car park. The gate is secured by a Club lock.

Car parking for Grindleford Hut is available adjacent to the hut (beats 2 and 3). Cars should be driven as close as practicable along the riverbank and, if cricket is in progress, with discretion.

Car parking at Nether Hall (beats 12 and 13). The Trustees of the Shuttleworth Estate have granted permission to park no more than two cars at any time at the end of the lane past Nether Hall and in a position so as to cause no inconvenience to occupiers or other guests to Nether Hall. Access to the River is by wading across upstream of the Hood Brook or alternatively downstream by walking through the garden, adjacent to the riverbank into the meadow beyond. Fishing from the bank within the garden is not permitted. If in any doubt, seek guidance from James Rotherham.

Car parking at Stepping Stones (beats 14 and 15). Arrangements have been made with John Marsden (farmer) for Members to use part of his driveway, on the opposite side of the Bamford Road entrance to the footpath to the Stepping Stones. Members are advised to take care when crossing the busy main road especially in waders.

Car parking at the Marquis of Granby (beat 16)

Access is not possible whilst the premises are converted into a new hotel. Temporary alternative car parking is available by kind permission in the car park of "Educational Books" (formerly the Kennings building) immediately to the west of the Marquis between the road and the river. Access to the riverbank is around the back of the building and it is anticipated that new steps may shortly be created down this very steep bank.

All parking and access is at the risk of individuals using them. The owner of the field below Shatton Bridge has expressed a wish that Members should approach the top end of beat 16 (right bank) via the stile or gate by Shatton Bridge, and then follow the Noe down to the junction with the Derwent. The Club has no fishing rights on the river Noe.

Bamford Recreation Trust (beat 17). Fishing is permitted on this beat by kind permission of the Bamford Recreation Trust.

Bamford riverbank above Iron Bridge (beat 18). Access is protected by gates secured with padlocks operated by the key issued to all Members. Cars may be parked immediately inside the gate. There is a public right of way between Bamford Mill buildings and across the river just below and close to the milldam wall.

Car parking at Carr Bottom Farm (beats 18, 19 and 20). Members and their Guests must not bring dogs on to these beats. Mr. Bennett is agreeable to Members parking their cars on the black gravel area immediately to the left of the house, provided access is not affected. Please note that you should not park on the grass opposite the house, as in the previous arrangement. Dogs and cats should be kept clear of. Please do not park on meadowland near the river until after the hay has been harvested in July.

Car parking for the Bamford Hut (beats 19 and 20) is permitted in the field above the hut on the left of the gate on entering, after harvesting of the crop. Before harvest all cars should be parked in the small lay by opposite the gate. Cars should **not** be driven up to the hut.

Further car parking possibilities are marked by a yellow circle on the river map at various points adjacent to the road. Members are warned that there has been the odd incident of vandalism and the Club obviously cannot accept any responsibilities for loss or damage. In addition, Members should be aware that livestock can damage vehicles, even if it is not immediately obvious that livestock are actually in the field.

Private land and access to Fishing Huts: The Club has permission from landowners and farmers to have fishing huts by the river and for Members and their Guests to have access over private land. This is a privilege granted for the convenience of Members and is for the sole purpose of their approach to and along the riverbanks when fishing.

Members and their Guests shall not encroach on gardens or private grounds of houses bordering on the Club's fishing, except as provided for in these notes e.g. "Parking at Nether Hall".

Litter in and around Huts: Members are asked to leave fishing huts and surrounding areas in a condition in which they would wish to find them.

Emergency Hut/Gate Key is held at the Fish Farm and is usually available on request. Members will be asked to sign for the key which must be returned at the end of the day and a fee of £1 is payable.

Members' Dogs: Any annoyance caused to owners or tenants of land adjoining the Club water can jeopardise our fishing rights. A Member may take a dog, if under total control, to any Club water, except for beats 10-14, and 18-20 inclusive, where the landlords have decreed that no dogs shall be taken.

Guests' Dogs: Guests are not permitted to take dogs to Club water at any point.

Warning to Members: Great care should be exercised when wading in the Club waters, as the river bottom has rock ledges and deep pools at many points. Wading staffs and buoyancy aids are recommended. Marker posts are only for identification of beats and do not signify that it is necessarily safe to enter the river at that point.

Particular care should be taken near Bamford Mill where it is possible to enter the water, which is more than six feet deep. Riverbanks and adjacent paths can also be dangerous and should be approached with extreme caution.

The Club and its officials can in no way accept responsibility for any misfortune arising and Members inviting Guests must ensure that they are made aware of this warning.

Change in River Bed Profile: Due to heavy rain, Members are warned to take care when wading with regard to the riverbed profile that may have been altered.

Site of Special Scientific Interest ("SSSI"): Members are reminded that our fishing between the Marquis of Granby Hotel (beat 16) and Goose Nest Wood, Hathersage (beat 12) is designated a "Site of Special Scientific Interest", whereby we now have a legal responsibility to report any evidence of damage to the habitat or wildlife etc.

Barbless Hooks: At all times Members and Guests are to use barbless hooks, or hooks on which the barb has been flattened with a pair of pliers, for all fishing on the River. Evidence and experience show that barbless hooks do not result in an increase in the number of fish lost but does reduce mortality in returned fish. As far as possible anglers should avoid handling fish that are to be returned as this is the main cause of damage and fish loss. The use of barbless hooks greatly facilitates the removal of the fly without the need to remove a fish from the water.

Sawbills, Cormorants & Mink: Members are requested to report details of any sightings of sawbills, cormorants or mink on the fishing return form in the space provided.

Poaching: The Committee recommends that Members should not approach poachers. It is imperative that any Member suspecting a poaching incident should withdraw quietly and report it to James Rotherham. If he is not available, dial 999 and advise the Police.

Pollution if suspected should be reported to the EA (freephone 0800-80760) and James Rotherham.

Fishing Licences: They are available from any Post Office and direct from the Environment Agency's web site www.environment-agency.gov.uk/subjects/fish/399730/ .

River Map: Please read the definitions and notes printed on the Derwent Fly Fishing Club River Map issued to Members.

NB. Where the Club has only fishing rights along one bank, one fishes into not out of the Club waters.

Guests' Day Tickets: At the opening of the season, each Member and Honorary Member will receive five complimentary Guest Day Tickets. The Secretary is prepared to sell a further three Guest day Tickets to a Member, or Honorary Member for use within the season, at a price per ticket as determined at the AGM. These tickets may be used during the whole of the season (ie. 15 March to the end of February). Tickets are not transferable to other Members. They are not available for fishing unless a Member accompanies the holder; nor shall any person, not being a Member, angle more than seven days during the season. It is the Member's responsibility to address the health and safety issues (see Appendix 3) and to help in this matter the tickets include health & safety risk assessment notes. Whilst Members have some insurance cover through the Club, we are not able to provide cover for guests.

Before a Member issues a Guests' Day Ticket, he must fill in the name of the Guest and the date on which the ticket is to be used. At that time, the Member is required to advise the Keeper of the foregoing particulars. The Member shall ensure that a boat is booked for the Guest.

The Keeper is instructed that unless the foregoing is followed, nobody, other than a Member, shall be permitted to fish. The completed Guests' Ticket(s) must be returned to the Keeper at Leadmill Trout Farm on the day fishing, stating the number of fish taken. Catch limits as stated on Guests' Tickets that are available for one day only.

Fishing Dates

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| Brown Trout: | 18 th April to 7th October |
| Rainbow Trout: | 18 th April to 7th October |
| Grayling: | 16 th June to end of February |

These dates apply to all fishing detailed on the River Map.

Number of Fishing Days: No Member may fish on more than 40 days in the trout season

Catch Limits per Member (including a shared rod)

Not more than 1 brace per day before 1st May.
3 brace per day/6 brace per week during remainder of Season.

No Member may kill more than 30 brace of brown trout or grayling in one season

Catch Limits per Guest: The take/kill limit for Guests is one brace per day.

Trout for Neighbours: It is a traditional practice for the Club to supply a number of people who live close to our fishing waters with a good dish of trout each season. If any Member having a good catch would continue this tradition, it would be appreciated, as it fosters goodwill amongst those who are helpful in providing

access and who watch our interested in case of poaching. Will Members able to assist in this please contact James Rotherham.

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Telephone: **01433-650-762 (after 2000 hours only)**
or 07974 930 986

If there is no reply, please ring the Farm on **01433-651-082** or alternatively listen to the answerphone, where you can leave your message. **In either case, please allow time for the telephone to be answered.**

Lost or Found Property: Members with computer skills may add a short note about any property lost or found by the River in the information bar above the booking cells. Such notes should be removed when no longer relevant.