

Kilkeel Angling Club's Monthly Newsletter



WELCOME

Welcome to the first issue of Kilkeel Angling Club's monthly newsletter. This will be issued at the start of each month during the season, and is designed to provide a snapshot of any news or updates that are relevant to club members. It will also provide a brief overview of fishing reports and any other information that might be useful to anglers. If you have any photos or information that may be of interest throughout the season, please feel free to send it via the contact page on the website or message a committee member on WhatsApp.

SEASON OPENING

As of today, the 1st of June, the Whitewater River is now officially open for the 2020 fishing season. The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all members for being a part of this club for another season, and trust that each of you are able to get amongst some fish! As a final note, given the current situation with Covid-19, it has been requested that all anglers maintain social distancing measures until further notice.

NEW WEBSITE

Over the coming weeks, the club will be releasing a new website which will have improved functionality as well as having a gallery that we hope to update with pictures from members over the coming season. As with the newsletter, please feel free to forward any pictures that you would like to add to the website to committee members on WhatsApp. Members will be notified when the new site is live.



COMPETITIONS

As with every season, prizes will be presented at the end of the year at Prize Night. It is worth noting at this stage that a prize will be awarded for the first fish of the season. A full list of prizes will be provided on the website, as well as in a later edition of the newsletter.

In order to enter a fish, anglers are required to take a photo of their catch which includes a measuring tape and send it via WhatsApp to the Competition Secretary, Norman McBride, on 0781 555 2803.

POLLUTION

Over the past few weeks and months, there have been reports of fish kills and pollution on various river systems across Northern Ireland. Although the Whitewater has escaped any major incident thus far, the Aughrim River suffered a fish kill of small trout in recent weeks. Thanks to some club members, this was reported promptly to DAERA and the relevant officers were notified. We would ask all club members to be vigilant, and if any signs of pollution or illegal fishing are spotted to please report this to the relevant agency whose contact details are below.