



ANGLING
TRUST

WATER BAILIFFS: BEST PRACTICE

The Water Bailiff

- Correctly ‘Water Keepers’ in law
- No power in law
- No power to check rod licences



Powers

- Enforce internal club rules
- Citizen's power of arrest (indictable offences)
- Police/CPS advice: 'only in extreme cases'



Best Practice

- *Best Practice Guide for Angling Club Bailiffs*
- *Elementary Guide to Angling Law*
- Fish Legal
- Fisheries Enforcement Workshops
- Consider criminal records checks
- Bailiff photo ID card
- Safety first!
- Contact local Wildlife Crime Officers
- Contact local Environment Agency fisheries team



Issues

- Fishing without permission
- Taking or destroying fish
- Trespass
- Rod licences
- Public Order
- Anti-social behaviour
- Litter
- Fly-tipping
- Unattended rods
- Contravention of club rules



Reporting

- Know what to report and to whom: -

Environment Agency: rod licensing & byelaws

0800 80 70 60

Police: criminal offences

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Reporting

- Date
- Time
- Place
- Incident
- Offenders
- Evidence of offence, e.g. dead fish, tackle



Evidence of Identity

- Number of offenders
- Description
- Height, build, colour, gait, hair colour/length/style
- Accent
- Clothing
- Footwear
- Vehicle: make, colour, VRN, location
- Contact details



Helpful Rules

- All members to possess a current rod licence and produce upon demand to club bailiff
- No litter
- No fires
- Permit must be produced upon demand and carried by member whilst fishing
- No fish to be introduced or taken without relevant permissions
- No illegal drugs or alcohol abuse
- Contravention of club rules likely to lead to expulsion



Migrant Anglers

- Multi-lingual signage
- Multi-lingual leaflets
- Building Bridges



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PLAY BY THE RULES
A GUIDE TO UK ANGLING LAW AND CUSTOM

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PORADNIK WĘDKARZA

RESPECTÂND REGULILE JOCULUI
UN GHID AL LEGILOR ȘI OBICEIURILOR
PESCUITULUI ÎN REGATUL UNIT

ИГРАЙТЕ ПО ПРАВИЛАТА
НАРЪЧНИК ЗА ЗАКОНОДАТЕЛСТВОТО И ОБИЧАИТЕ
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Fighting for the Future of Fishing

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Remember!

- SAFETY FIRST!
- MAKE THAT CALL!

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