



Clwyd, Conwy & Gwynedd Rivers Trust Ymddiriedolaeth yr Afonydd Clwyd a Conwy a Gwynedd Newsletter Number 3 Spring 2018

Dear Rivers Trust Supporter

Welcome to our spring 2018 edition of the Clwyd, Conwy & Gwynedd Rivers Trust Newsletter. In this edition, we provide an update of the various activities that the Trust is involved with. It has been a busy time over the last few months bidding for funds for Projects we want to deliver over the next 18 months as well as continuing to work on ongoing projects. Funding is always difficult to secure because there is a lot of competition for limited funds from a range of third sector organisations, but we remain optimistic that with the right Project ideas we can be successful. If you have a good idea and know where we may be able to get funds, please let us know. You can contact us via our new website at: <http://ccgrt.org/> Thank you.

Fishing Auction:



Following on from our successful 2017 Fishing Auction the Trust has organised a 2018 auction of Fishing Lots to raise funds to help the Trust continue with our work. The auction is hosted on the 'Auction of Promises' website and can be accessed via the following link:

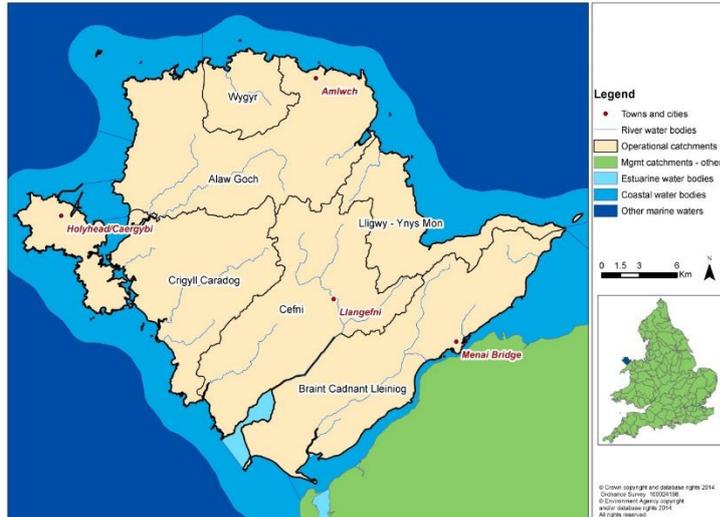
[Take part in the auction](#)

You can have a look at the lots (termed promises) but for security reasons you must register on the website (if you haven't already done so last year) to make a bid for one or more of the lots – this is straightforward as it only requires your e mail address and a password which you choose. You can see the current highest bid for each lot but not the identity of the bidder and so decide if and how much to bid. Once registered on the site you can go back later and log in to bid again if you want to. When the auction finishes on 31st March 2018 no more bids will be accepted and the successful bidders will be contacted to arrange payment (by cheque) and contact details provided so that they can organise the fishing. Please support the Trust by bidding – it includes some of the best fishing in north Wales and elsewhere in Wales some of which would not normally be available to you.



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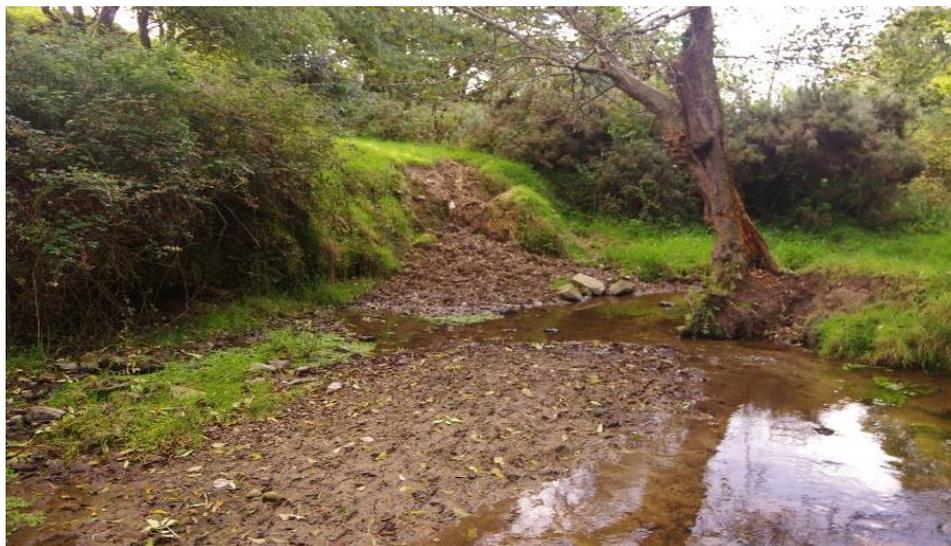
Anglesey Rivers Project Update:



The Trust has been funded by the Sustainable Development Fund for the Isle of Anglesey Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty to carry out a Project to survey the 10 main rivers on Anglesey. The river habitat surveys have now been completed and the information is being collated into River Restoration Reports which will highlight issues on each river and can be used to identifying future improvement projects. We are also working with a number of Fisheries to help them join the Fishing Passport Scheme:

<https://www.fishingpassport.co.uk/> .

This will help generate more income from visiting anglers. Issues found included trampling of riverbanks by cattle causing silt and nutrients to enter streams, over shading by vegetation and various barriers to fish migration.



Afon Wygyr – Trampling of Riverbanks by Cattle



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‘Finding Torgoch’ – Local School Pupils in Llanberis learn about Artic Charr:

Torgoch or Artic Charr are an iconic fish species in Llyn Padarn, Llanberis in north Wales; one of only three natural populations in Wales. They are under threat from a number of human influences and are a symbol of a clean, healthy environment. This aim of this Project, funded by the Greggs Foundation, is to raise the profile and awareness of Torgoch with local schoolchildren and visitors and use it as an iconic symbol to help achieve a clean and healthy environment.



Llyn Padarn

To help protect and improve charr populations in the lake, Natural Resources Wales capture some of the spawning adults and rear the eggs and young fish to stock back into the lake. Some of these eggs were also looked after in a tank in the local primary school. The Project is being led by Dr Robin Parry who is a Trustee and chairman of the Seiont, Gwyrfai and Llyfni Fishing Society as well as a local GP.



Artic Charr in Llyn Padarn



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Within a stone's throw of Llyn Padarn, Arctic char eggs were in a tank in Ysgol Dolbadarn.



There was great excitement among the children observing the eggs, handling them and watching their development - eyes, then spine, then movement, and finally the hatching.



First a tail here and there and now almost a shoal. The pupils have been courteous, enthusiastic and knowledgeable and now they know a little more now about the life cycle of this ice age fish and the impact of modern living on Llyn Padarn. Thanks to Dr John Taylor and Richard Pierce at Natural Resources Wales for their advice and help and of course the pupils and staff at the school and Headteacher Mrs Bethan Jones for their interest. The pupils also helped release the fish into Llyn Padarn when they were big enough.





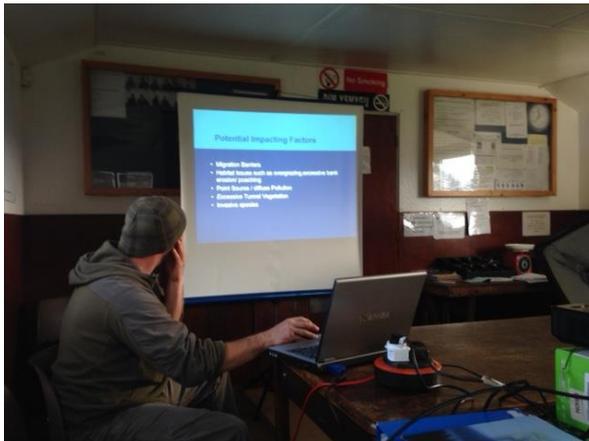
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Anglesey Volunteers Education and Training in River Restoration Techniques:

The Trust is being funded by the Greggs Foundation to train up volunteers to help the Trust improve river habitats on Anglesey and elsewhere. It will then be possible to carry out improvements on rivers using a mix of contractors for more complex works and trained volunteers for more simple work such as vegetation and woody debris management. Volunteers with a range of abilities, age and gender are being recruited and educated in river habitat surveying, recognising habitat issues and given practical, supervised training in the safe use of various habitat management techniques by experienced experts.

So far two workshops have been held at Llangefni with the support of Cefni Angling Association and 12 volunteers have signed up.



A practical session on habitat maintenance on a tributary of the Cefni is being planned. The funds are being used to buy equipment and safety gear which can be used by the volunteers.

Forward Look:



The Trust has been successful in obtaining funding from Welsh Water's Water Framework Directive Fund to improve water quality and habitat on the Dŵr Ial, a tributary of the Clwyd near Ruthin. The Project will start in June and run for 18 months. The Dŵr Ial is impacted by nutrients and silt from a variety of sources and the aim is to help the river achieve good ecological status.

