



**Clwyd, Conwy & Gwynedd Rivers Trust
Ymddiriedolaeth yr Afonydd Clwyd a Conwy a Gwynedd
Newsletter Number 2 Spring 2017**



A message from our Chairman: Alan Winstone:

Dear Rivers Trust Supporter

Welcome to our spring 2017 edition of our Clwyd, Conwy & Gwynedd Rivers Trust Newsletter. In this edition, we provide an update of the various activities that the Trust is involved with. There is also a reminder about our Fishing Auction which where we are aiming to raise at least £2000 to help meet our annual running costs. A big thank you to all the people and organisations who have generously donated fishing for the auction. There is still time, until the end of March, for you to make a bid for some great fishing and support the Trust at the same time.

Fishing Auction:

The Clwyd, Conwy & Gwynedd Rivers Trust has organised an auction of Fishing Lots to raise funds to help the Trust continue with our work to protect and improve our rivers, lakes and wetlands and the habitat and wildlife they support. The auction is hosted on the 'Auction of Promises' website and can be accessed via the following link:

<https://auctionofpromises.com/2017AuctionForCCGRT>

You can have a look at the lots (termed promises) but for security reasons you must register on the website 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



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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. You can also add your own lot or promise if you want to help the Trust raise more funds. When the auction finishes on 31st March 2017 no more bids will be accepted and the successful bidders will be contacted to collect

the payment (by cheque) and the lot donor will be provided with contact details so that they can organise the fishing. Please support the Trust by bidding – it includes some of the best fishing in north Wales some of which would not normally be available to you.

Clywedog Fish Easement:



The project to remove a major partial barrier (above) on the River Clywedog, a major spawning tributary on the Clwyd, has now been completed. A large excavator was used to 'peck away' the bedrock to create steps and pools. The completed project now allows salmon and sea trout to more easily access an additional 7km of spawning area. Our thanks go to Richard Pierce, NRW Fisheries Officer and Allan Cuthbert, Trust Secretary for their work on this project.



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Views of the completed easement.





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Anglesey Rivers from Source to Sea:



The Trust has been successful in obtaining funding from 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 and establish at least 5 wild Trout fishing locations which will be marketed on the Wales 'Fishing Passport' Scheme. The Project will also provide valuable information for future projects to improve river habitats, tackle invasive weeds, improve water quality and further develop sustainable, wild trout and sea trout fisheries in the lower reaches of these rivers. The Project commenced in March and runs until March 2018. The Trust will be training up several volunteers to carry out the surveys so if you are interested in being part of this project please contact the Trust.



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River Restoration Centre Training Course – May 2017



The River Restoration Centre will be running a 3rd Sector training day at Nant Ffrancon in the Ogwen Valley at the end of May. The programme for the day will include project planning, practical monitoring techniques and case studies. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Trust.

Forward Look:

The Trust's next Operations Group meeting will be held on 13th June 2107. If you have some spare time on your hands why not spend some of it volunteering for the Trust. We are always looking for people to help us either in a formal role, as a member of our Operations Group, as a Trustee or as one of our officer roles. We are currently looking for people to help us with our fund raising and development role and our education role. So please get in touch if you would like to help.

If you have any good ideas for projects that the Trust could help with, whether big or small please let us know. We may be able to access funds to help you make your ideas become a reality. Finally, please let us know if you found this newsletter of interest and how we could develop it in future. Also, if you have some news let us know – the next newsletter is planned for autumn 2017. Thank you.