

Ross-on-Wye Angling Club

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Dear Ms Hawkins

As Secretary of the Ross-On-Wye Angling club representing 320 members, many of them from Wales, we have a rented (at substantial expense) approximately 5 miles of the River Wye around Ross-on-Wye, we would like to comment on the current canoeist situation and changes to the law being discussed.

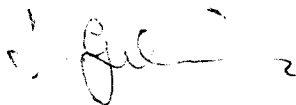
We currently feel our legal rights are clear and well defined on this stretch of water and feel that no changes to our legal rights need to be made. There is a voluntary access point for canoeists on our water, unfortunately many other canoeists just seem to feel that they can launch and have access at any other points they wish.

Riparian owners and angling clubs have to endure almost constant trespass by canoeists who seem to think they should be rewarded for their unlawful behaviour by the law being changed in their favour.

Anglers don't pay to be able to take fish, (we are primarily a coarse fishing club returning fish caught to the water, but have to pay significantly for this privilege.

The anglers, associated angling bodies and riparian owners are the people who have put and are putting in constant effort to keep our rivers as they should be in their natural state and with good water quality and habitat. What do or have canoeists done to preserve enhance or maintain this?

Yours sincerely



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