

River Stour at Oakwood Park Licensees - Rules of Fishing

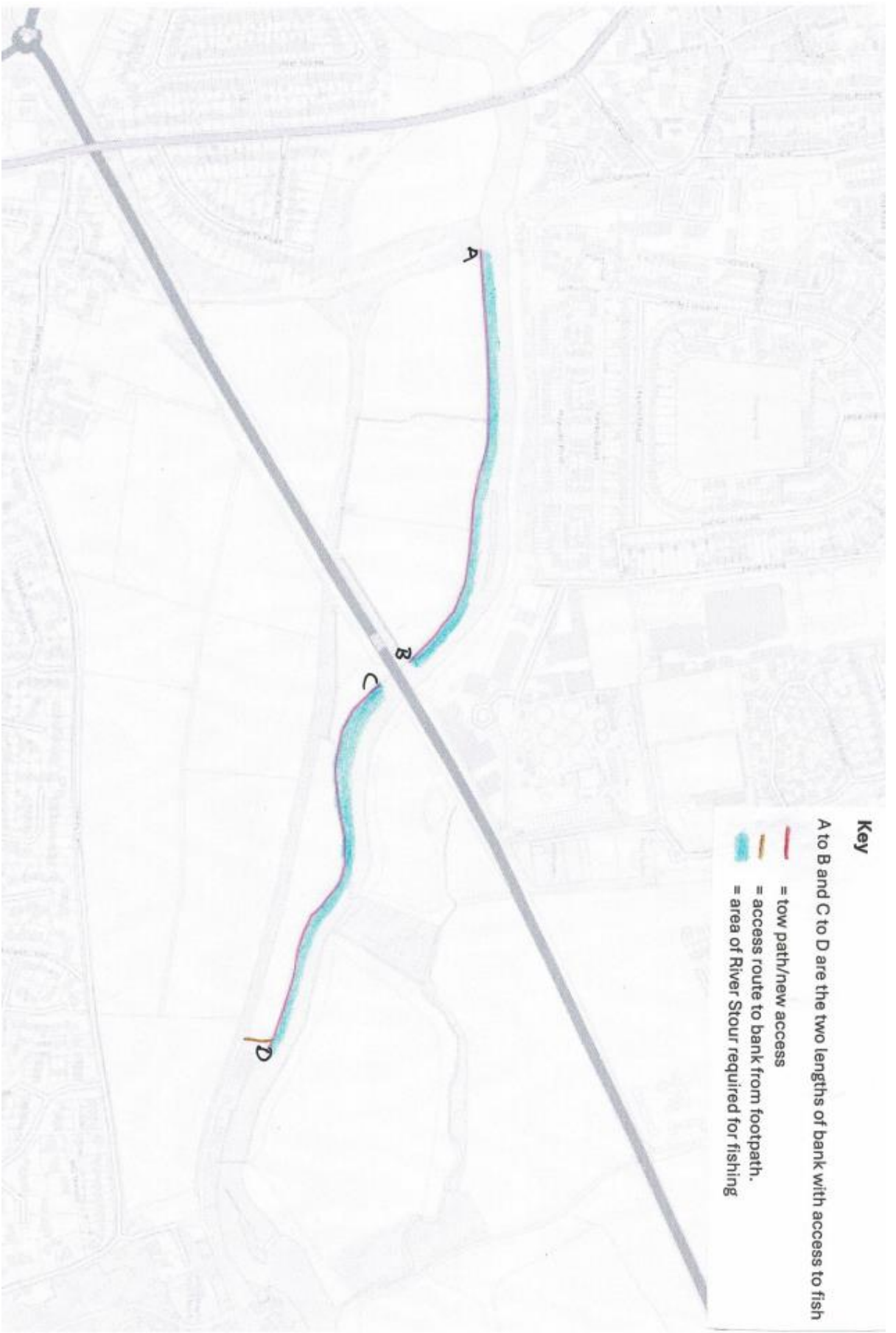
This licence entitles the holder to fish on the River Stour in accordance with the attached plan in the two areas defined as AB and CD and also subject to the following rules:

1. In addition to the Wimborne and District Angling Club membership, all anglers over the age of twelve must be in possession of a current Environment Agency national rod licence.
2. No fish are to be taken away from the water, except small fish for baits limited to six per angler on any one day and must be used on this water. No fish are to be taken and killed/frozen for later use as dead baits.
3. Between the 15th March and 15th June (inclusive) the National coarse fish close season applies. From the 1st April trout fishing is available as is sea trout fishing from the 15th April. When game fishing anglers are strictly limited to fly fishing only until the 15th May, in any year, when spinning with appropriate lures is allowed. The use of any baits or ground baits is strictly prohibited as is the use of floats including pilot floats during the coarse fish closed season. Grayling are not game fish and are subject to the coarse fish National close season. The season for trout ends on the 15th October and for sea trout on the 31 October. [Please see the Environment Agency website for rules relating to salmon, especially the rules for the Southwest, and all salmon must be returned].
4. Members must carry their membership document, when fishing and show it when requested by a Bailiff, Club Official, any Club member, or representatives of the owners. When approaching anglers on Club waters, members may request to see their documents and support Club bailiffs if requested.
5. Any member wishing to contact the press, either local or national, on matters relating to Club business, Club waters or fish caught on Club waters must do so through the Club Media Officer (please refer to the Club's website).
6. Barbless and micro-barbed hooks only are to be used for all species.
7. Keepnets are not to be used except during recognised Club matches in which respect they must be knotless and at least 2.4m in length.
8. All anglers, including match anglers, must carry an un-hooking mat and an appropriately sized landing net available for use when required.
9. Do not obstruct the adjacent walkway/cycle path adjacent to the River's bank in such a way as to prevent its reasonable use.
10. No litter of any kind is to be left, and licensees will be held responsible for any litter in their vicinity at all times. Leaving litter will be regarded as a disciplinary offence warranting dismissal from the Club. Please pick litter up, including any discarded line, whenever you see it.
11. Licensees must not light fires (fires do not include a purpose designed cooking stove but do include throw away barbecues or those fired with charcoal), erect tents or bivvies (excluding traditional fishing umbrellas), play radios, or dig into any adjacent land for any purpose. Members must respect owners' property and conduct themselves in a proper manner to preserve the good name of the Club.

12. No licensees are allowed to carry firearms or air weapons, unless authorised by the Committee in conjunction with the landowner for a specific purpose.
13. Only 1 rod is allowed when fishing floating bait or fly fishing.
14. This water is closed for leisure fishing on the days when matches take place until after the match is finished unless otherwise agreed by the match officials so that fishing may take place beyond the pegged limits of the match. [Please check the website for match dates]
15. No swimming.
16. Any dog(s) brought to this water by a member must be properly supervised and under control at all times.
17. To keep any dogs brought onto the adjacent walkway/cycle path and banks properly supervised and kept under control at all times.
18. The Wimborne and District Angling Club's constitution applies in the following manner to Oakwood Park licensees:
 - a) Licensees may become bailiffs of the Club, but only for the purposes of patrolling the Oakwood Park stretch.
 - b) Licensees may fish matches held on the Oakwood Park water only.
 - c) Licensees may attend the Annual General meeting of the Club but not be eligible to vote on any matters related to the dissolution of the Club should such a matter arise in the future.
 - d) Under the age of sixteen, licensees shall only fish with an adult (over the age of eighteen) present. The adult may or may not be a fisherman.
 - e) Licensees will be the subject to the Club's rules on discipline and may be dismissed from the Club by the Committee for conduct which is in the Committee's opinion injurious to the interests of the Club, or its objective, or of its members or angling. (Please see the Club's Constitution for further details but be aware that a serious breach of these rules for such matters as leaving litter will be enough to warrant dismissal).
 - f) This particular licensee membership will cease if there is an end to the relationship between Cala Homes and Wimborne and District Angling Club such that the Club no longer has control over the fishing rights.

Fishing Etiquette and Guidance

1. Make sure your landing net is the first item of tackle set up and the last put away (see Rules of Fishing 8).
2. Carry and use an unhooking mat and take care when handling fish of any size. (See Rules of Fishing 8). Fish care is essential to best practice to conserve fish stocks.
3. Spend time to ensure a fish has recovered fully before being released.
4. Ensure your tackle is suited to the conditions and your quarry.
5. Take care when taking photographs of your catch, hold the fish as near to the ground as possible, do not stand up and please be quick.
6. Be considerate to other anglers, enjoy your fishing and allow them to enjoy theirs. If you see someone struggling with their fishing, they may be new to the sport, offer help and advice.
7. Personal property lost or found – contact the Club Secretary (secretary@wimbborneanddistrictanglingclub.co.uk)
8. Report incidents such as pollution, fishing out of season and poaching to the EA incident line 0800 807060 and then the Club's Head Bailiff on: 07899017248.
9. Please be considerate at all times to those using this land and avoid behaviour that may be considered by others to be inappropriate, including keeping noise and disturbance to a minimum. When entering and leaving the fishery please note that you may be passing close to residential dwellings and the quiet enjoyment of occupants should be respected.



Key

A to B and C to D are the two lengths of bank with access to fish

= tow path/new access

= access route to bank from footpath.

= area of River Stour required for fishing