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CHARITY SEEKS NEW PARTNER TO RUN COMMERCIAL FISHERY AT HARTHILL RESERVOIR

A new partner is being sought to run the commercial fishery at Harthill Reservoir near Rotherham.

Waterways and wellbeing charity Canal & River Trust, which owns the reservoir, has taken over the temporary management of the fishery after the current tenants decided to step down.

The Trust will run the fishery, which consists of three linked ponds, with the help of 6am Tackle of Swallownest, Sheffield, until the autumn. A tendering exercise to find a permanent partner will take place over the summer.

John Ellis, national fisheries and angling manager for Canal & River Trust, said: “The reservoir’s primary purpose is to feed the Chesterfield Canal, but it also offers excellent fishing. It’s well known to local anglers for its carp, but it’s also good for other species such as bream, perch and pike.”

He added: “We’re grateful for 6am Tackle’s support in helping us run the fishery as normal until a permanent partner can be found. 6am Tackle also run the nearby Kiveton fishery in partnership with the Trust, so we’re confident that anglers should see no difference in the service they receive.”

Harthill Reservoir was built in the 1770s as a feeder reservoir for the Chesterfield Canal, approximately two miles to the north. The largest of the three fishing ponds covers 20 acres, and is also the home to the Rotherham Sailing Club.

Anyone wishing to register their interested in being part of the tendering exercise should register by email fisheries.enquiries@canalrivertrust.org.uk

To bring things more into line with the Trust’s other fisheries, the new Harthill Reservoir fishery permit prices from Thursday 25th June are as follows: Adult day permit (1 rod) £7; Adult day permit (2 rods) £10; 24-hour ticket to include night fishing (2 rods) £20.

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Canal & River Trust is also calling on anglers and other visitors to the reservoir to support its Plastics Challenge to help protect fish and other wildlife.

The charity, which usually relies heavily on its army of volunteers to help clear the waterways of plastic and litter, has had to put volunteering activity on hold since mid-March due to coronavirus.

Every year 14 million pieces of plastic end up in and around its canals, rivers and reservoirs. Plastic bottles, food wrappers, bags and straws can be harmful for the fish and other wildlife.

To find out how you can join the Canal & River Trust's Plastics Challenge, visit www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/plastic or follow us on social media @CanalRiverTrust #PlasticsChallenge

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Notes to Editors

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Last year, the charity worked with Coventry University to publish a 'state of the nation' analysis of plastics and other litter found in its waterways. The report found that if no action was taken, we estimated that 14 million pieces of plastic would end up in and around our canals and rivers every year. Full report [here](#)

Further information around the Plastics Challenge, why it is important and additional resources can be found at www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/plastic

Volunteering:

In 2019/20 volunteers gave 127,000 hours of their time helping to clean-up the plastics and litter found in and around our canals and rivers which equates to more than 10,000 hours a month. Please note this was prior to lock down in mid-March.