



Become a Friend of the Foundation

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Becoming a Friend is a way of helping the Foundation to continue its vital work for the River. Friends receive Newsletters and Reviews and other updates, as well as invitations to seminars. Detailed information on our work is available on our websites:

For Tweed science www.tweedfoundation.org.uk
For Trout & Grayling www.ttgi.org.uk
For Tweed News www.rivertweed.org.uk

Please enrol me as a Friend of the Tweed Foundation.

I enclose a donation of £..... paid by
Cash/Cheque/Standing Order (circle as applicable)

Cheques payable to The Tweed Foundation, please

Annual Friendship £ 15
Joint Friendship (2 people at same address) £ 23
Life Friendship £250

Benefactor Membership On application
[Benefactor members donate a minimum of £250 a year. They have their own insignia and their own day out each year with the Foundation]

Name:

Address:

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Postcode:

Tel: Mob:

Email:



Gift Aid Declaration

I would like The Tweed Foundation (Charity No. SC011055) to treat as a Gift Aid Donation:

- a. **the enclosed donation of £**
- b. **all donations I make from the date of this Declaration until I notify the Foundation otherwise**

[Please tick one option]

Signature: Date:

[Please Print]

Name:

Address:

.....

..... Postcode:

Explanatory Notes

- ❖ You must be a taxpayer to make a valid gift. The total of income tax and capital gains tax payable by you in each year must be at least equal to the tax recoverable on all your Gifts.
- ❖ For every £1 donated under Gift Aid, The Tweed Foundation can recover a further 28p.
- ❖ Higher rate tax relief can be claimed by you on Gift Aid donations.
- ❖ A Declaration can be cancelled at any time by notifying us. It must cease if you no longer pay tax.
- ❖ Instruction (b) above means that any further donations that you make will qualify as Gift Aid Donations for as long as you wish.
- ❖ To make a series of donations, which will be of great help in allowing the Foundation to budget for work in future years, please complete a Standing Order form and instruction (b) above.



Standing Order Mandate

Paying The Tweed Foundation by Standing Order helps our administration costs enormously.

If you would like to pay future amounts by Standing Order, please complete the following:

Please print clearly:

Name:

To: [Bank Name]:

Of: [Full Bank Address]:

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Postcode:

Name of Account Holder:

Account Number:

Please pay

[Enter relevant amount in words] pounds to The Tweed Foundation [Bank Sort Code 83-23-18, Account No. 00275893]

on the 15th January [enter year] and each year thereafter until further notice.

Signed: Date:

Please send this completed application to:

The Tweed Foundation
Drygrange Steading, Melrose,
Roxburghshire, TD6 9DJ

Tel: 01896 848271 Fax: 01896 848277
Email: info@tweedfoundation.org.uk
Website: www.tweedfoundation.org.uk



Established by the River Tweed Commission to promote the development of fish stocks in the Tweed River System



***Join The Tweed Foundation
and Help Protect One of the
World's Great Rivers***

RIVER TWEED

The River Tweed catchment comprises 5,000sq km (2,000 miles) of rivers and burns. This iconic river is world famous for its Salmon and Trout stocks that draw anglers from across the globe, not only to fish but also to enjoy the glorious scenery, abundant wildlife and tranquillity of the region.

The whole of the Tweed is a Special Area of Conservation (SAC), a European designation, not only for Salmon but for other species too such as Otter, Lamprey and Ranunculus, a waterweed particular to this area.

Tweed is a major contributor to the Borders economy with £18m annually brought into the region from angling. Its health and future well-being are essential not just for angling but also to the Scottish Borders people and wildlife.

Pressures facing Tweed at present have never been greater and the status of the fish stocks is an indicator of this. Urban development, habitat loss and reduction in quality, agricultural intensification, marine and predator exploitation and the threat of disease are some of the many challenges that have resulted in a decline in fish stocks throughout Scotland recently.

TWEED NEEDS PROTECTING

The Tweed Foundation was set up in 1983 by the River Tweed Commission to protect and enhance the freshwater fish stocks in the River and is a charitable company limited by guarantee. It is one of the leading organisations in the field of fisheries research and management. It operates with a small and dedicated team that relies on donations from the membership, riparian owners and others to fulfil its work programme; it has no public funding.

What the Foundation does

The Foundation carries out a tremendous volume of research and analysis in order to provide the River Tweed Commission with objective scientific data on which to base its fisheries management decisions.

The Foundation's Research:

Fry Indexing & Electro-fishing - continual monitoring of Tweed's juvenile stocks to record density, health and distribution

Exploitation – development of methodology to estimate the level of exploitation of Salmon and Sea-trout stocks in Tweed by netting, trapping and tagging fish

Scale Reading – the programme of reading Salmon, Sea-trout and Brown Trout scales continues. Adding to the Foundation's large database of scales to develop the identification of fish population structures in Tweed

Genetics – An historic genetics survey Salmon scales is being undertaken to try and establish the genetic make-up of our stocks and the part this plays in their river phase. Latterly, a European partnership has commenced to investigate Sea-trout genetics and the ecology and distribution of Sea-trout at sea

Tweed Trout & Grayling Initiative – A dedicated programme, and biologist, developing a strategy for managing these stocks on the River, in conjunction with angling clubs and associations

Fish Traps & Fish Counters – Monitoring fish traps on Tweed to understand the population dynamics and relationships between Brown Trout and Sea-trout. Operating fish counters to monitor the abundance and make-up of stocks on important spawning tributaries

Education

- ♦ Dissemination of the Foundation's work through literature, websites and dedicated meetings to explain our work to a wider audience.
- ♦ TweedStart – Education, particularly of school children, in the ecology and nature of the River, with an introduction to fly fishing, helping to create the next generation of River guardians
- ♦ Tweed Wheelyboats – Provision of dedicated angling boats to enable less-able anglers to participate in the sport and enjoy what Tweed can offer

It is fundamental to the well-being of the River that all of this work continues and, as a charitable trust, your support is crucial in keeping the momentum going and safeguarding the River for future generations to enjoy. Please support The Foundation's work in any way you can.

