



# The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of Clane Trout and Salmon Anglers Association

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### 2021 AGM

**The 2021 AGM (Scheduled to be the 47<sup>th</sup> AGM) will not take place, this is in accordance to the current Level-5 COVID restrictions in place until at least early March.**

**The committee as elected in 2020 at the 46<sup>th</sup> AGM will remain in place for the coming year.**

**As a one-off gesture from the committee following a review of the club finances, there will be a reduction of membership fees for the 2021 season for Adult members of the Club.**

**There will be no change to the fees for Junior members, Senior Citizen Members or New members.**

### **Chairman's Address:**

It was with some trepidation that I accepted the nomination for the position of Club Chairman at the 2020 AGM. However, having served with the committee for the last 10 years, I was confident that I would get all the input and help I may need to take on the role. I had some big shoes to fill taking the role over from my Predecessor Terry Walsh but his guidance and working with the rest of the committee made taking on the challenge very easy. I would like to thank the committee, Secretary Tony Doherty and Treasurer Fintan Cullen in particular for their contributions to the club over the last year.

As stated by Tony, 2020 was a difficult year with limited fishing opportunities. We can only hope 2021 is a better year for the Club and its Members.

I would also reiterate that we need to follow the COVID guidelines as in place at any time over the coming year.

Stay safe and tight lines for 2021.

Chairman  
Bill Gray

### **Secretary's Report 2020:**

2020 turned out to be a completely different year from what we had imagined – being limited to a 5km travel zone meant many of our members couldn't get to the river at the start of the season. For the small number of members who lived within the required limits the river provided a great escape from the boredom of being out of work and some fished almost every day during the initial lockdown. From the Association's point of view, we couldn't hold committee meetings, competitions or work parties, and it was June before things settled down a bit and we then organised committee meetings by Zoom and held our first competition.

### **Competition Results**

#### 13<sup>th</sup> June, Michael O Reilly

1 <sup>st</sup> Dave O'Callaghan	4 fish – 122.5cm
2 <sup>nd</sup> Kevin Tipper	4 fish – 113.3cm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tony Doherty	3 fish – 78.5cm
4 <sup>th</sup> Peter Doherty	3 fish – 78.3cm

#### 27<sup>th</sup> June, Twilight

1 <sup>st</sup> Dave O'Callaghan	4 fish – 123.7cm
2 <sup>nd</sup> Paul Dunne	4 fish – 114.2cm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dennis Goulding	4 fish – 109.4cm
4 <sup>th</sup> Peter Doherty	3 fish – 75.2cm

## Sat 18<sup>th</sup> July, Sedge Cup – 10 Anglers, 8 fish

1 <sup>st</sup> Peter Doherty	4 fish – 102.9cm
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dave O Callaghan	2 fish – 53cm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Terry Walsh	2 fish – 52.5cm

### Angler of the Year

1 <sup>st</sup> Dave O Callaghan	28 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Peter Doherty	24 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tony Doherty	14 points
4 <sup>th</sup> Kevin Tipper	14 points
5 <sup>th</sup> Dennis Goulding	13 points

### Longest Fish

Kevin Tipper	42.5cm
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### Committee Work

From June onwards we have held our meetings on Zoom, and I would like to thank our Chairman Bill Gray for organising the meetings and the committee members who attended the meetings.

The problem with our stocks of trout continues to take up much of our meetings. And I would like to thank Terry Walsh for all the work he has done in corresponding with the IFI. We are looking for them to carry out a survey on the river that might throw some light on the problem with the numbers of trout in our fishery.

Another possible avenue in understanding the source of our problems is new technology, in the form of E DNA surveying. For an E DNA survey to take place a sample of river water is analysed and the DNA of all the creatures living in the river can be found and can be quantified. Tony O'Regan brought this technology to our attention and he is doing further research into its possibilities for giving us some useful information regarding our stocks.

### Kick Sampling Surveys

Kick sampling was also a victim of the pandemic as it requires quite close contact of the people involved while they study and quantify the invertebrates collected in the kick samples. Hopefully, the surveys can be continued in the coming year.

One area where we had some success was in working with Clane Tidy Towns members on improving the suitability of "The Stream" (also known as the Butterstream) for spawning trout. The Stream rises in the Bog between Prosperous and Donadea Forest and flows through Loughanure on its way into the Liffey below Alexandra Bridge. We had seen evidence of fish trying to spawn before Christmas 2019 and decided to approach the Tidy Towns Committee who had been looking after the stream. With their agreement we put groups of rocks into the stream to add diversity to the channel and allowed beds of weed to develop, which left cover for fish and invertebrates. Several possible redds were observed, especially above and below the bridge into the playground. Hopefully, we will find baby trout in the Stream next spring.

The Committee would like to thank the following for their help during the year:

- TJ O'Mahony's shop in Prosperous for taking over the sponsorship of our Membership Cards.
- Fintan Cullen, who has done a great job in looking after our Accounts and issuing our Membership Cards.
- Tom Fagan for looking after our boat on Lough Lene and Cyril Chamber for looking the boat on Sheelin. Also, thanks to Anto Nolan for moving the boats and looking after them over winter.
- Bill Gray, Terry Walsh and Eugene O'Hagan for organising our Committee meetings and looking after our Facebook Page and Teamer Notices.

### Concluding Remarks

In conclusion, I would like to thank all our members for their support and hopefully we will be able to get back to our beloved river as soon as possible.

Tight Lines for 2021

Anthony Doherty  
Hon. Secretary

## Environmental issues on the Butter Stream

This is a report of the incidents of pollution in The Stream (Butterstream) and the out flow of the sewage pumping station into the River Liffey in Clane.

22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2020 – Reported raw sewage from Clane pumping station overflow.

23<sup>rd</sup> Jan – Reply from Irish water Ref. no. 3425330263.

24<sup>th</sup> Jan – Raw sewage still flowing out of overflow, reported again to Irish water and IFI.

24<sup>th</sup> Jan – Received email from KCC Ref. W/O 25190928, Eamonn Leahy. He investigated this and it was not sewage but silted water from deep inspection chamber going through silt box and discharging into a storm water chamber and discharged into the river at the said location. Work started on 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan and will cease by COB 24<sup>th</sup> Jan.

27<sup>th</sup> Jan – Reply from Irish water: “pumping station and sewer network has been checked and no issue in operation of pumping station”.

28<sup>th</sup> Jan – In my reply I asked if samples were taken and asked where the sanitary towels had come from. I sent pictures of the above.

28<sup>th</sup> Jan – Reply from Irish water: Material is fine silted water and will cease by close of business today.

10<sup>th</sup> Feb – In my reply, I looked for sample results, and asked how long this work will be ongoing.

10<sup>th</sup> Feb – Irish water reply: Department investigated and was not a wastewater issue, escalated to the environment section of KCC, the sanitary towels may have been disposed by another party, silt-causing work to cease on 28<sup>th</sup> Jan.

19<sup>th</sup> June – Report of silted water in The Stream (Butterstream) from sewer works on Prosperous road; water being pumped into storm drain which flows into stream. Reported to Irish water and IFI.

20<sup>th</sup> June – Reply from Irish water: Is the water still being pumped into stream?

20<sup>th</sup> June – My reply: No not dirty today, water is now going into a different manhole, and comment about of sediment on the bed of the stream from previous incident.

21<sup>st</sup> June – IFI reply: received via phone call and said that IFI has requested extra measures to the disposal of this sedimented water.

21<sup>st</sup> June – Irish water reply: Details will be sent on to the relevant department, hope this matter is resolved.

26<sup>th</sup> June – Reported dirty water coming from overflow pipe to IFI and Irish water.

26<sup>th</sup> June – Reply from Irish water: I have forwarded this matter to KCC for investigation.

5<sup>th</sup> July – Received call from Johnny Birchall of KCC at 16:48pm, asking if the water was still dirty. He was at the pipe and can't see any issue (a week later, on a Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July evening).

23<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Reported soiled water in stream to IFI and Irish water.

23<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Irish water reply: we are unable to view your pictures.

23<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Sent email with pictures to Irish water.

4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Received email from Irish water: local water dep. and local wastewater dep. have been notified, ref. no. 00568516, from Ed de Barros.

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Reported dirty water from the overflow pipe from sewage works to Irish water and IFI.

4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Reply from Irish water: Information sent on to CKK water dep., ref. 6878547026.

4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Reported dirty water is still flowing from overflow to IFI.

4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Reply from Irish water: will update your investigation.

10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Reported dirty water in the Stream to Irish water.

10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Reply from Irish water: I have requested further information in relation to this and will let you know as soon as I receive the update.

– Still waiting!

### In Conclusion

I require all members to be vigilant and report issues seen to Irish water and IFI, when seen (Irish water Facebook page through messenger, or email [Operations@water.ie](mailto:Operations@water.ie)) (IFI phone hotline, 1890 347424 or [info@fisheriesireland.ie](mailto:info@fisheriesireland.ie)).

Thanks,  
Peter Doherty