

New National Angling Strategy aims to get more people fishing

The [National Angling Strategy](#) (2019-2024) was launched today by Environment Agency Chair Emma Howard Boyd, with members of the angling community, and representatives of the Angling Trust at Get Hooked on Fishing's Northala Fields venue in Northolt, West London.

The strategy will be implemented by a new partnership body – the National Angling Strategy Partnership Board, coordinated by the Angling Trust with representatives from the Environment Agency, Angling Trades Association, Get Hooked on Fishing and Canal and River Trust.

The strategy was developed by technology and research company Substance after widespread consultation with the angling community and using feedback from the national angling survey that was conducted in 2018 which received 35,000 responses. The responses included the need to make more information available on where and how to fish and the need to emphasise the mental health and physical fitness benefits of fishing.

Environment Agency Chair Emma Howard Boyd said:

The National Angling Strategy aims to get more people out to experience angling – because we know that getting outdoors and experiencing nature is good for health and wellbeing.

I'm really pleased that the Environment Agency is working with partners and anglers on this exciting vision for growing the sport and delivering the best possible angling experience in England.

Aims and Objectives of the National Angling Strategy

- Objective 1 – Develop awareness and knowledge of angling. A marketing campaign, backed by research, with new information on how and where to fish.
- Objective 2- Increase participation in angling An increase in angling participation by 2024 and increases in females, young people and BAME communities taking part.
- Objective 3 – Develop social benefits through angling An increase in people getting physically active through angling, delivery of angling for health programmes; and an angling volunteer programme.
- Objective 4 – Develop Sustainable Places to Fish Involve anglers more in environmental improvement work and science, develop more local and accessible places for people to fish and develop more community waters.
- Objective 5 – Increase Angling's Economic Impact Deliver a trade-backed market development plan, new funding for developing the angling sector and tackle shop and angling tourism support.

- Objective 6 – Understand angling data and evidence Develop an angling research programme to inform future actions, stakeholders and angling commerce interests, and to evaluate the strategy's success.
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A new National Angling Strategy has been launched to encourage greater participation in the sport by focusing on the health and well-being benefits that angling can bring.

Policy paper: Illegal Wildlife Trade Challenge Fund: List of projects

List of projects supported by the Illegal Wildlife Trade Challenge Fund.

May 2019 Transaction Data

In May:

- HM Land Registry completed 1,732,280 applications to change or query the Land Register
- the South East topped the table of regional applications with 390,642

HM Land Registry completed 1,732,280 applications in May compared with 1,682,690 in April and 1,723,578 last May, of which:

- 357,400 were applications for register updates compared with 326,712 in April
- 896,653 were applications for an official copy of a register compared with 900,402 in April
- 198,501 were search and hold queries (official searches) compared with 196,722 in April
- 19,228 were postal applications from non-account holders compared with 15,051 in April

Applications by region and country

Region/country	March applications	April applications	May applications
South East	394,377	390,282	390,642
Greater London	323,612	342,718	318,243
North West	207,148	184,671	203,002
South West	167,025	152,788	164,417
West Midlands	147,646	147,116	155,019
Yorkshire and the Humber	139,817	130,318	138,521
East Midlands	123,991	116,289	125,246
North	87,349	77,117	81,397
East Anglia	71,766	66,009	70,692
Isles of Scilly	52	40	89
Wales	81,275	75,271	84,932
England and Wales (not assigned)	83	72	80
Total	1,744,141	1,682,691	1,732,280

Top 5 local authority areas

Top 5 local authority areas	March applications	Top 5 local authority areas	April applications	Top 5 local authority areas	May applications
Birmingham	27,727	Ealing	37,219	Birmingham	27,284
City of Westminster	24,089	Birmingham	25,660	City of Westminster	23,530
Leeds	22,015	City of Westminster	21,722	Leeds	20,600
Manchester	17,248	Leeds	20,362	Cornwall	17,452
Cornwall	17,232	Slough	18,637	Manchester	17,036

Top 5 customers

Top 5 customers	March applications	Top 5 customers	April applications	Top 5 customers	May applications
Enact	47,766	WSP Management Services Ltd	57,238	Enact	48,609
Infotrack limited	43,725	Enact	45,912	Infotrack Limited	46,242
Optima Legal Services	24,430	Infotrack Limited	42,935	O'Neill Patient	24,797

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O'Neill Patient	24,345	O'Neill Patient	23,612	Optima Legal Services	24,643
My Home Move Limited	19,723	Optima Legal Services	22,671	My Home Move Limited	19,964

[Access the full dataset on data.gov.uk](#)

Next publication

Transaction Data is published on the 15th working day of each month. The June data will be published at 11am on Friday 19 July 2019.

New homes for adults with learning disabilities underway at Halifax County Court

Halifax County Court is being converted into 16 supported living apartments by Highstone Housing Association, who purchased the building from Homes England.

Ownership of the historic site was transferred from the Ministry of Justice to Homes England, who are providing the funding for the new properties through their affordable homes programme.

In addition to converting the existing 19th century court building, Highstone will add a new mezzanine floor in the roof space to create the apartments and a sleep room for support workers.

Dilys Jones, Head of Home Ownership and Supply for Homes England in the North East said:

“Our ambition is to ensure the public sector land and buildings we inherit support local plans and local ambitions.

“We’re pleased to see this historic building being brought back into use as much needed affordable homes that enable adults with learning disabilities lead independent lives at the heart of their community.”

It’s anticipated that work on the new apartments will be completed by Spring 2020.

Joanne Hawley, Director of Highstone Housing Association added:

“We are delighted to have acquired this iconic building in the centre of Halifax; an ideal location. Our aim is to provide bespoke accommodation of the highest quality, whilst maintaining the distinctive character of the county court.

“Highstone’s vision for the development sees the existing building revitalised to provide lifetime homes for its 16 tenants and a pleasant working environment for the support team.”

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