



## Tweed Trout & Grayling Initiative Newsletter

### No. 18 – 2020 River Whiteadder

#### 2019 Whiteadder Brown Trout Catch Summary

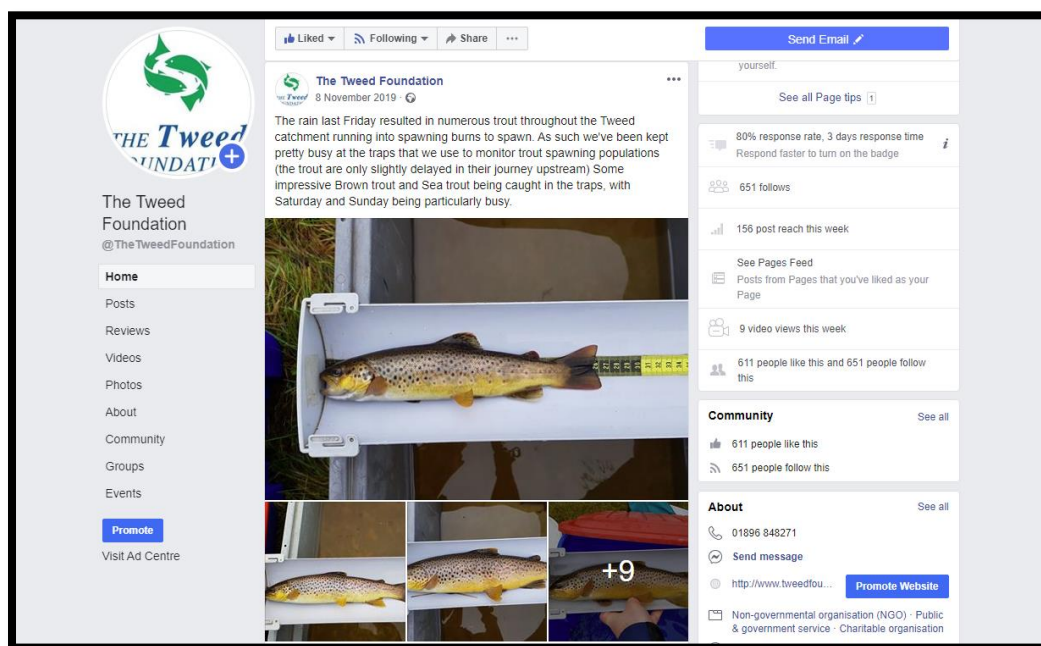
Six anglers submitted 35 catch records for the 2019 trout fishing season. This covered 101 hours of angling effort. The catch rate of both undersize (<10") and oversize trout (10" and over) trout was much improved during the 2019 fishing season with the undersize catch rate being the highest since we started collecting catch records in 2006, and the oversize catch rate the second highest. The catch rate of oversize Brown trout was also nearly 50% higher than the average for the previous 10 years. This was mostly as a result of the catch rate of trout between 10" and 12" being well above the 10 year average.

Above average catches of Brown trout were recorded from most parts of the Tweed catchment during 2019.

Even though catch rates vary considerably from one year to the next, the overall trend in catches of both undersize and oversize trout from the Whiteadder between 2006 and 2019 is one of slowly improving catches.



*Whiteadder Brown trout catches vary considerably from one year to the next. However, the overall trend between 2006 and 2019 is one of slowly improving catches.*



#### Tweed Foundation Facebook Page

For updates on the work of The Tweed Foundation and the Tweed Trout & Grayling Initiative, please visit The Tweed Foundation's Facebook page.



## 2020 Whiteadder Juvenile Trout Electro-fishing Survey

In August this year The Tweed Foundation will be carrying out an electro-fishing survey of the juvenile trout and salmon populations of the Whiteadder system. Anyone wishing to come along to see the health of the Whiteadder juvenile stocks is more than welcome and should contact The Tweed Foundation on 01896 848 271 or Kenny at [kgalt@tweedfoundation.org.uk](mailto:kgalt@tweedfoundation.org.uk)



*A video from previous electro-fishing surveys showing the abundance of juvenile trout in major Whiteadder spawning burns can be found on The Tweed Foundation's YouTube page.*

## Brown Trout Recaptures

During the last few seasons we have been asking anglers to take pictures of the left side of the Brown trout over 12" they catch. This allows us to identify individual trout from the spot pattern on their gill cover and record movements and recaptures. Although only a small number of anglers have participated to date the results have been eye opening with localised movements, multiple recaptures, and recaptures in successive years all being recorded. There are also some early indications that the smaller the river the higher the rate of angling recapture of adult sized Brown trout.

At present we have had only a few pictures sent in from the River Whiteadder and we would like many more. You could help us by photographing the Brown trout over 12" (30cm) that you catch. For more information contact Kenny Galt at: [kgalt@tweedfoundation.org.uk](mailto:kgalt@tweedfoundation.org.uk), or contact us via our Facebook page.



Picture courtesy of Craig Duncan

*This 20" Brown trout from the Peeblesshire TFA water was caught at least five times during the 2019 season!*