

Pencoed and District Angling Club - Grayling Society Grant Scheme 2012

The River Ewenny in South Wales is one of a small number of Limestone streams in the south of the principality. It is the most westerly of the South Wales rivers to contain a large head of Grayling.

PADAC have stewardship over a large portion of the central river that runs through Pencoed and its adjacent farmland.

The club applied to the Grayling Society in 2012 for a grant of £1000 to part fund a "Buffer Zone" extension to a section of river that we had been given access to. This area had not been fenced in the past and had suffered from stock damage caused by animals feeding right down to the waters edge. Also there was a large amount of Himalayan Balsam evident that had not been controlled.



Both these issues had left parts of the bank eroded and bare in winter making it liable to silt wash in. This was very detrimental to

the clean Limestone breeding gravels much loved by the resident Grayling and Brown Trout.

The Grant helped the club to employ a contractor to fence the banks off up to three metres back from the water. He also included stiles to allow access to the anglers so that the club could keep footfall away from the newly planted areas where we had removed the Balsam and replaced it with Native trees and shrubs.



This area of river bank has gone from unprotected barren bank to a verdant natural environment for resident species and invertebrate life.



PADAC would like to formally thank the Grayling Society for part funding this scheme, something we would have struggled with on our own, and further improving one of the healthiest Grayling rivers in Wales.