



*THE Tweed*  
*FOUNDATION*

**2008**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**&**  
**ACCOUNTS**

A CHARITABLE TRUST ESTABLISHED BY THE RIVER TWEED COMMISSION TO PROMOTE  
THE DEVELOPMENT OF FRESHWATER FISH STOCKS IN THE TWEED RIVER SYSTEM  
CHARITY NO. SC011055





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### **C**hairman's Report

Last year the Tweed Foundation celebrated its 25th anniversary. There are few who would argue that it has been hugely influential in raising the bar in Scotland of fisheries research and management over that time, so that, so far as is possible, decisions are taken on all rivers now on the basis of knowledge and fact.

Whilst the River Tweed Commission works closely with The Foundation in delivering the high level of fisheries management that is required for a river of Tweed's status it does have a legacy locally, I believe largely unfair, of being solely a policing organisation which has taken decisions in the past that have not always been popular. The Foundation, even if funded and managed by pretty much the same people, has an almost universal appeal to those who respect the River which has served not only its own purposes but has brought together all interested parties on Tweed.

Nothing can be achieved without money, and the support that has come the Foundation's way over those 25 years has allowed it to weather all financial storms, and we are indebted to all our Benefactors, members and Tweed proprietors for that. The recent financial tsunami has been the equivalent of a 30 ft river flood, but we are reasonably well placed despite the inevitable (hopefully temporary) decline in our reserves.

The original Trust Deed drawn up in 1983 is no longer broad enough to encompass all our obviously charitable activities (such as Tweedstart and our boats for disabled anglers), and the Trustees believe that converting to a (charitable) company limited by guarantee is also more appropriate. These changes are in progress and will, we hope, see the Foundation through the next 25 years.

I recommend the following short articles as a good read to understand the range of work that the Foundation continues to work on, and you can of course keep up to date on all our work through the Tweed News website: [www.rivertweed.org.uk](http://www.rivertweed.org.uk), including the popular 'Tweed Fisheries Biologist's Week' blog which amply demonstrates the breadth of activity our staff are involved in.

Thank you for your continued interest and support.

*A Douglas-Home (Chairman)*

## **T**weed Foundation 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Tweed Foundation was founded by the River Tweed Commission in September 1983. To celebrate this landmark, the Foundation hosted an Anniversary Workshop entitled, "Are Natural Rivers Best for Fisheries?" and invited professionals who work in the field of river management, particularly employees and trustees of members of the Association of Rivers Trusts (ART) and the Rivers and Fisheries Trusts of Scotland (RAFTS), to come and debate this topic over two days in Melrose. 60 delegates from all over the UK attended. The Workshop was Chaired by Professor Edward Maltby of The Institute for Sustainable Water, Integrated Management and Ecosystem Research, University of Liverpool. The purpose of the Workshop was to explore the meaning of "natural" with respect to river management in general, with particular reference to fisheries; to assess the pros and cons of unnatural features and the impacts of human intervention. Six key presentations were given and debate took place in smaller workshop groups after each series of presentations. The following morning the key points from each of these 'break-out' sessions were presented and a general debate took place. The Workshop was followed by the inaugural competition for The River & Fisheries Trust Challenge Trophy, an inter-Trust fishing competition that took place on some beats on the Tweed and Teviot.

## **F**isheries Management Planning

The Tweed completed its first Fisheries Management Plan in 1990 which was drafted by its then Technical Advisory Group. By 2008 the Plan was in its fourth draft and, as part of a major contract for the Fisheries Research Service and facilitated by RAFTS, a final collation of supporting information for it was completed. Having received comments and assistance from external bodies involved in the fisheries management process, the Plan was approved by the River Tweed Commission. The Plan, of which a fifth draft will be made in 2009, is available on the Foundation's website, and will be presented to the Commission for their consideration.

## **F**ish Counters

The Ettrick fish counter showed that the total was not good in 2008 only just exceeding the number of Salmon needed to meet the minimum spawning target, so concerns over the state of the collapsing cauld on the ability of Salmon to find the fish pass are increasing. It was, however, a good year for trout. On the Gala, there was an unexpectedly high total from the fish counter in the Skinworks Cauld, half of which were Salmon, so that the 700 spawning target for that tributary was greatly exceeded. The full results can be seen at <http://news.rivertweed.org.uk/blog/FishCounters>. The results are becoming increasingly important as crucial management decisions are made regarding salmon conservation measures on the River.

## **T**weed Trout & Grayling Initiative (TTGI)

The pump-priming European Union Leader+ funding for this work on Tweed ended in 2007 but the Initiative continues, both with the support of the Foundation and the

Federation of Borders Angling Associations. A central element of this work is cooperation with Tweed's Angling Clubs and Associations and in 2008 all participating clubs and associations received both electronic and paper reports summarising the first three years of work. Fly life surveys, scale reading, trout spawning burn surveys, trout traps, photographic records, fishing log books and physical appraisals of burns all add to the greater knowledge of the life of Tweed Trout and Grayling and assist in the advice that can be given to the local angling clubs and associations. The benefits of objective decision-making were clear because, having issued the reports, several clubs changed the size range of "keep-able" fish.

## **S**ignal Crayfish

The six known populations of Signal Crayfish on the Tweed system continue to cause concern to all working on the River. As well as monitoring these populations the Foundation is working with Newcastle University with the hope that it may be possible to develop a novel method of control. Whilst a start was made on this work, the person employed had to leave due to ill health so plans had to be put in place to continue in 2009. The work is being funded through the Foundation with a special contribution by the River Tweed Commission; additionally, survey and monitoring of crayfish populations by the Foundation in the English part of the Tweed is being generously supported by Natural England.

## **E**ducation

As always, a large number of events took place giving the Foundation the opportunity to promote its work on Tweed and the importance of fisheries management including school visits, electro-fishing demonstrations, presentations to Angling Club AGMs and other local general interest organisations.

## **S**cale Reading

The Foundation continues its long-term programme of scale reading which is now much assisted by a part-time, fully trained and permanent scale reader. Accurate scale reading is a skilled and idiosyncratic job requiring patience and experience. Having a dedicated biologist who can concentrate on this is a major step forward. The Foundation continues to collect scales from beats on the River; scale reading forms part of the long-term monitoring of Tweed's salmon stocks.

## **2** 008 Electro-fishing

The Foundation continued its extensive electro-fishing programme during the year using the timed sampling method. This allows acquisition of data from a much better coverage of the catchment (in more detail) and targets the Fry stage of the life cycle (first years) since as many Salmon migrate to sea as one year old Smolts they cannot be sampled at the Parr stage. The much broader coverage that this method allows has already highlighted a number of areas in the catchment where attention is required, mostly to fish passage. Most sites the Foundation visits have high densities of either species, along with the presence of other species existing in the Tweed and Eye catchments such as Lamprey, Grayling or Eel. In 2008, as part of its regular

cyclical monitoring programme, the Foundation electro-fished the River Whiteadder and the Eye Water.

## **E**xploitation Rate Tagging

Unfortunately a new method to trap fish in the estuary was unsuccessful and will have to be changed to be effective, allowing fish to be tagged throughout the year. However the Foundation continues its netting and tagging to monitor the exploitation rates of Salmon and Sea-trout entering the Tweed. Due to the difficulties of securing netting crews for the lower part of the estuary this is now undertaken at Paxton where there is a working netting station. Although this station is upstream of the Whiteadder it does provide a good supply of fish. In 2008 however, high water levels meant that netting was not possible, but exploitation rates for these early Autumn fish is still under 10%.

## **T**weed Wheelyboats

The Tweed Wheelyboats - "Tweedability I and II" - are available on the River for use by disabled, elderly or infirm anglers. The Foundation manages and maintains the boats, leasing these to fishing beats as they are required.

## **G**enetics

Adult tissue samples were collected from the net and rod fisheries - including the collection of samples by angling in December and January (2009) by special licence from the Scottish Government. These samples will contribute to a major analysis study of most Scottish rivers to contribute to the understanding of Salmon stocks. Additionally, juvenile units were sampled to fit with the annual electro-fishing surveys. The work received extra funding during the year with an award from the Atlantic Salmon Trust.

## **S**t Mary's Loch

The outfall of the Loch has been giving cause for concern for some years. Whilst the water flow seems entirely passable by fish, juvenile densities above it, as shown by electro-fishing results, are variable. This indicates that there may be a problem for passage of adult fish. As such, discussions were initiated with SEPA and Scottish Water who are considering the installation of monitoring equipment.

## **B**eavers

In the absence of other organisations recognising the threat posed to native fisheries by the proposed introduction of the European Beaver to Britain and the licence granted for a "trial" at Knapdale, the Foundation prepared consolidated information on existing knowledge. It is published on its website.

# Tweed News

[www.rivertweed.org.uk](http://www.rivertweed.org.uk) <<http://www.rivertweed.org.uk/>> has been developed as a news website for the Tweed Foundation and the River Tweed Commission whose own websites continue for archive and policy material. The fully-searchable website is run entirely in-house and allows interesting work and news to be easily publicised.

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**THE TWEED FOUNDATION**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2008**

| <b>Total Funds</b> |                                                                                   | <b>Unrestricted Funds</b> | <b>Restricted Funds</b> | <b>Total Funds</b> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>2007</b>        |                                                                                   | <b>2008</b>               | <b>2008</b>             | <b>2008</b>        |
| £                  |                                                                                   | £                         | £                       | £                  |
|                    | <b>Incoming Resources</b>                                                         |                           |                         |                    |
|                    | <i>Incoming resources from generated funds:</i>                                   |                           |                         |                    |
| 133,721            | Voluntary income                                                                  | 156,361                   | -                       | 156,361            |
| 27,642             | Activities for generating funds                                                   | 33,868                    | -                       | 33,868             |
| 21,711             | Investment income                                                                 | 22,506                    | -                       | 22,506             |
| 166,049            | Incoming resources from charitable activities                                     | 30,158                    | 27,073                  | 57,231             |
| -                  | Other incoming resources                                                          | -                         | -                       | -                  |
| 349,123            | <b>Total Incoming Resources</b>                                                   | 242,893                   | 27,073                  | 269,966            |
|                    | <b>Resources Expended</b>                                                         |                           |                         |                    |
|                    | <i>Costs of generating funds:</i>                                                 |                           |                         |                    |
| 102,071            | Costs of generating voluntary income                                              | 13,517                    | -                       | 13,517             |
| -                  | Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold & other costs                             | -                         | -                       | -                  |
| 4,747              | Investment management costs                                                       | 3,524                     | -                       | 3,524              |
| 245,588            | Charitable activities                                                             | 177,313                   | 45,135                  | 222,448            |
| 12,478             | Governance costs                                                                  | 12,734                    | -                       | 12,734             |
| -                  | Other resources expended                                                          | -                         | -                       | -                  |
| 364,884            | <b>Total Resources Expended</b>                                                   | 207,088                   | 45,135                  | 252,223            |
| (15,761)           | <b>Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources Before Transfers</b>                         | 35,805                    | (18,062)                | 17,743             |
| -                  | Transfers: Gross transfers between funds                                          | -                         | -                       | -                  |
| (15,761)           | <b>Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources Before Other Recognised Gains and Losses</b> | 35,805                    | (18,062)                | 17,743             |
|                    | <b>Other Recognised Gains/(Losses)</b>                                            |                           |                         |                    |
| -                  | Gains on revaluation of fixed assets for charity's own use                        | -                         | -                       | -                  |
| 2,877              | Realised gains/(losses)                                                           | (25,389)                  | -                       | (25,389)           |
| (17,126)           | Unrealised gains/(losses)                                                         | (97,636)                  | -                       | (97,636)           |
| -                  | Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes                       | -                         | -                       | -                  |
| (30,010)           | <b>Net Movement in Funds</b>                                                      | (87,220)                  | (18,062)                | (105,282)          |
|                    | <b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>                                                    |                           |                         |                    |
| 643,556            | Fund Balances Brought Forward at 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2008                         | 606,065                   | 29,778                  | 635,843            |
| -                  | Transfer between funds                                                            | -                         | -                       | -                  |
| <b>613,546</b>     | <b>Fund Balances Carried Forward at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2008</b>                  | <b>518,845</b>            | <b>11,716</b>           | <b>530,561</b>     |



**THE TWEED FOUNDATION  
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2008**

| <u>2007</u>     |                                                                                   |               | <u>2008</u>      |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| £               | <u>INCOME</u>                                                                     | £             | £                |
| 17,463          | Donations                                                                         |               | 15,229           |
| 15,722          | Annual Memberships                                                                |               | 16,132           |
| <u>100,536</u>  | Contribution from River Tweed Commission                                          |               | <u>125,000</u>   |
| 133,721         |                                                                                   |               | 156,361          |
| 44,967          | Project Grants                                                                    |               | 27,073           |
| 27,642          | Income from Tweed Auction                                                         |               | 33,868           |
| 19,124          | Gross investment income                                                           | 19,716        |                  |
| 2,587           | Gross interest received                                                           | <u>2,790</u>  |                  |
|                 |                                                                                   |               | 22,506           |
| 773             | Tweedline: Net income                                                             | 1,572         |                  |
| 13,166          | R.A.F.T.S.                                                                        | 22,411        |                  |
| 100,706         | Wheelyboat income                                                                 | 1,170         |                  |
| 833             | Miscellaneous income                                                              | 134           |                  |
| 5,604           | Consultancy & Education                                                           | <u>4,871</u>  |                  |
|                 |                                                                                   |               | <u>30,158</u>    |
| <u>349,123</u>  |                                                                                   |               | <u>269,966</u>   |
|                 | <u>EXPENDITURE</u>                                                                |               |                  |
|                 | <b>Public Relations, Publications, Etc.</b>                                       |               |                  |
| 99,125          | Wheelyboat costs                                                                  | 2,022         |                  |
| 2,232           | Cost of publications                                                              | 8,121         |                  |
| 714             | Shows, displays & hospitality                                                     | <u>3,374</u>  |                  |
| <u>102,071</u>  |                                                                                   |               | 13,517           |
|                 | <b>Scientific Staff</b>                                                           |               |                  |
| 68,214          | Salaries & other costs                                                            | 68,233        |                  |
| 10,850          | Motor expenses                                                                    | 14,079        |                  |
| 266             | Library & Photographic expenses                                                   | 267           |                  |
| 484             | Equipment costs                                                                   | <u>396</u>    |                  |
| <u>79,814</u>   |                                                                                   |               | 82,975           |
|                 | <b>Research &amp; Conservation</b>                                                |               |                  |
| 7,528           | Research projects                                                                 | 5,224         |                  |
| 43,578          | Project costs                                                                     | 38,492        |                  |
| 459             | Fish traps                                                                        | -             |                  |
| 8,173           | Repairs & replacements, etc.                                                      | 603           |                  |
| 6,518           | Genetics                                                                          | -             |                  |
| 19,473          | Habitat maintenance & repairs                                                     | <u>12,534</u> |                  |
| <u>85,729</u>   |                                                                                   |               | 56,853           |
|                 | <b>Management &amp; Office Costs</b>                                              |               |                  |
| 59,818          | Professional costs & fees                                                         | 65,145        |                  |
| 4,746           | Investment manager's fees                                                         | 3,524         |                  |
| 4,044           | Postage, Stationery & Telephones                                                  | 4,485         |                  |
| 8,295           | Office costs                                                                      | 10,474        |                  |
| 98              | Office equipment                                                                  | 167           |                  |
| 1,761           | Sundry office costs                                                               | 1,657         |                  |
| 2,066           | Meeting & travel costs                                                            | 1,549         |                  |
| 5,477           | I.T. costs                                                                        | 3,965         |                  |
| 3,335           | Subscriptions & other contributions                                               | <u>3,309</u>  |                  |
| <u>89,640</u>   |                                                                                   |               | 94,275           |
|                 | <b>Depreciation</b>                                                               |               |                  |
| 1,634           | Equipment                                                                         | 2,043         |                  |
| 5,996           | Motor vehicles                                                                    | <u>2,560</u>  |                  |
| <u>7,630</u>    |                                                                                   |               | 4,603            |
| <u>364,884</u>  | <b>Total Expenditure</b>                                                          |               | <u>252,223</u>   |
| <u>(15,761)</u> | <b>Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>                                            |               | <u>17,743</u>    |
|                 | <b>Adjustment For Realised Capital Investment Gains:</b>                          |               |                  |
| 2,877           | Gains/(Losses) on realisation of investments                                      |               | (25,389)         |
| <u>(12,884)</u> | <b>Total Net Reportable (Deficit) Including Realised Capital Investment Gains</b> |               | <u>(7,646)</u>   |
| <u>(17,126)</u> | Unrealised (Loss) on Revaluation of Investments                                   |               | <u>(97,636)</u>  |
| <u>(30,010)</u> | <b>Total Losses Recognised Since Last Trustees' Report</b>                        |               | <u>(105,282)</u> |

THE TWEED FOUNDATION  
BALANCE SHEET  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2008

| <u>2007</u>    |                                                       | £               | £              |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| £              |                                                       |                 |                |
|                | <b>Fixed Assets</b>                                   |                 |                |
| 15,056         | Tangible Assets                                       |                 | 14,334         |
| 466,524        | Investments                                           |                 | <u>355,948</u> |
| <u>481,580</u> |                                                       |                 | <u>370,282</u> |
|                | <b>Current Assets</b>                                 |                 |                |
| 25,312         | Debtors                                               | 31,656          |                |
| 154,738        | Cash at bank & in hand                                | <u>155,788</u>  |                |
| <u>180,050</u> |                                                       | <u>187,444</u>  |                |
| (25,786)       | <b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b> | <u>(27,164)</u> |                |
| <u>154,264</u> | <b>Net Current Assets</b>                             |                 | <u>160,280</u> |
| 635,844        | <b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>          |                 | 530,562        |
| -              | <b>Provision for Liabilities &amp; Charges</b>        |                 | -              |
| <u>635,844</u> | <b>Net Assets</b>                                     |                 | <u>530,562</u> |
|                | <b>Reserves</b>                                       |                 |                |
| 303,559        | Capital Funds                                         |                 | 180,534        |
| 332,285        | Income Funds                                          |                 | 350,028        |
| <u>635,844</u> |                                                       |                 | <u>530,562</u> |

EXTRACT FROM THE 2008 ACCOUNTS

The financial information set out on these pages has been extracted from The Tweed Foundation's full audited accounts, on which the auditors, Rennie Welch, reported without qualification.

Copies of the full audited accounts are available on request.

RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS

Presentations given and Seminars & Conferences attended by the  
Tweed Foundation during 2008

|                                                     |                  |                                                                                                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Hawick Angling Club                                 | 7 February 2008  | Presentation to members                                                                                                     |
| Scottish Agricultural College                       | 8 February 2008  | Presentation to Environmental course students                                                                               |
| Napier University, Edinburgh                        | 28 February 2008 | Presentation to MSc students                                                                                                |
| Rivers and Fisheries Trusts of Scotland AGM (RAFTS) | 7 March 2008     | Staff attendance and participation in the annual meeting and AGM                                                            |
| Namsen River Proprietors, Norway                    | 12 March 2008    | Visit to Drygrange and Tweed                                                                                                |
| Forestry Commission                                 | 27 March 2008    | Electro-fishing demonstration and talk on Foundation's work as part of education day for trainee gamekeepers                |
| Hardy & Greys, Alnwick                              | 14 April 2008    | Presentation at a Wild Trout Trust Open Day by the Tweed Trout & Grayling Initiative                                        |
| Earlston Church Women's Group                       | 17 April 2008    | Talk on the work of the Tweed Foundation                                                                                    |
| TweedStart Day*                                     | 2 May 2008       | Introduction to Tweed entomology as part of the introduction to fishing and river life to schools at the Tweed Angling Fair |
| Tweed Angling Fair, Kelso                           | 3 & 4 May 2008   | Stand at Fair                                                                                                               |
| TweedStart Day*, Roxburghe Ponds                    | 12 May 2008      | Invertebrate identification training and Tweed entomology introduction for Yetholm Primary                                  |
| TweedStart Day*, Kailzie Fishery                    | 15 May 2008      | Invertebrate identification training and Tweed entomology introduction for Priorswood Primary, Peebles                      |
| Kids Education Day                                  | 17 May 2008      | Introduction to Tweed entomology for children as part of a fishing day organised by Jedburgh Rotary Club                    |
| The History of Local History Association            | 17 May 2008      | Talk to the Association on the Foundation's work at Edinburgh Botanic Gardens                                               |
| Eco Action Day                                      | 20 May 2008      | Electro-fishing demonstration for Kirkhope Primary School, Ettrick on Eco Day                                               |
| TweedStart Day*                                     | 20 May 2008      | Invertebrate identification training and Tweed entomology introduction for Wilton Centre, Hawick                            |

|                                        |              |                                                                                                                                        |
|----------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TweedStart Day*, Roxburghe Ponds       | 26 May 2008  | Invertebrate identification training and Tweed entomology introduction for Ednam Primary                                               |
| TweedStart Day*, Roxburghe Ponds       | 28 May 2008  | Invertebrate identification training and Tweed entomology introduction for Sprouston Primary                                           |
| The Fishmongers' Company               | 29 May 2008  | Visit to Drygrange and presentation on Foundation's current work                                                                       |
| TweedStart Day*, Roxburghe Ponds       | 3 June 2008  | Invertebrate identification training and Tweed entomology introduction for Morebattle Primary                                          |
| Electro-Fishing Demonstration          | 10 June 2008 | Talk and demonstration for Borough Primary School, Galashiels                                                                          |
| Fly Life Tuition                       | 11 June 2008 | Fly Life Tuition for students from Kelso High School as part of the Angling Module in a new course of study                            |
| TweedStart Day*, Roxburghe Ponds       | 12 June 2008 | Invertebrate identification training and Tweed entomology introduction for Cornhill Primary                                            |
| TweedStart Day*, Roxburghe Ponds       | 13 June 2008 | Invertebrate identification training and Tweed entomology introduction for Norham Primary                                              |
| TweedStart Day*, Kailzie Fishery       | 19 June 2008 | Invertebrate identification training and Tweed entomology introduction for Kingsland Primary, Peebles                                  |
| Benefactors' Day, Wark                 | 23 June 2008 | Presentations on main channel seine netting (water too high for practical demonstration)                                               |
| TweedStart Day*, Kailzie Fishery       | 24 June 2008 | Invertebrate identification training and Tweed entomology introduction for Kingsland Primary, Peebles                                  |
| TweedStart Day*, Roxburghe Ponds       | 26 June 2008 | Invertebrate identification training and Tweed entomology introduction for Grove Special Needs School                                  |
| The Fishmongers' Company               | 29 June 2008 | Visit to Drygrange. Presentation on the Tweed Trout & Grayling Initiative                                                              |
| TweedStart Day*, Roxburghe Ponds       | 4 July 2008  | Invertebrate identification training and Tweed entomology introduction for Grove Special Needs School                                  |
| Peeblesshire Trout Angling Association | 19 July 2008 | Open Day at Kailzie Fishery in conjunction with TweedStart – free general introduction to fishing day for children in the Peebles area |

|                                  |                   |                                                                                                                         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TweedStart Day*, Roxburghe Ponds | 21 July 2008      | Invertebrate identification training and Tweed entomology introduction for Ford & Etal Primary                          |
| Border Union Show, Kelso         | 25 & 26 July 2008 | Stand at Show including very popular interactive quiz for children                                                      |
| TweedStart Day*, Gala Water      | 3 September 2008  | Invertebrate identification training and Tweed entomology introduction for Stow Primary                                 |
| TweedStart Day*, Gala Water      | 10 September 2008 | Invertebrate identification training and Tweed entomology introduction Fountainhall Primary                             |
| The Crown Estate                 | 3 October 2008    | Visit from the Crown Estate with the ASFB & RAFTS; trip to Foundation's Gala fish pass & counter & presentation on work |
| TweedStart Day*, Kailzie Fishery | 29 October 2008   | Invertebrate identification training and Tweed entomology introduction Walkerburn Primary                               |
| TweedStart Day*, Roxburghe Ponds | 31 October 2008   | Invertebrate identification training and Tweed entomology introduction Edenside Primary                                 |
| TweedStart Day*, Roxburghe Ponds | 4 November 2008   | Invertebrate identification training and Tweed entomology introduction Edenside Primary                                 |
| TweedStart Day*, Kailzie Fishery | 11 November 2008  | Invertebrate identification training and Tweed entomology introduction St Ronan's Primary                               |
| TweedStart Day*, Roxburghe Ponds | 18 November 2008  | Invertebrate identification training and Tweed entomology introduction Wilton Centre, Hawick                            |
| TweedStart Day*, Roxburghe Ponds | 21 November 2008  | Invertebrate identification training and Tweed entomology introduction Fountainhall Primary                             |

\*TweedStart is a non-profit making, inclusive organisation with a remit to introduce all ages and social backgrounds to fly fishing. TweedStart makes people, especially the young, aware of the importance of good habitat management and the environmental considerations in sustaining healthy river systems as well as the art of fishing. TweedStart has provided opportunities to, for example: angling clubs, those with access difficulties, women, children's organisations, the over fifty-fives, and has featured at local events such as the Border Union Show. It works closely with the education sector by integrating the project into the curriculum in primary and secondary schools throughout the Tweed Catchment. Local schools host the TweedStart Roadshow and enjoy field trips to the TweedStart Teaching Centre where they learn about all aspects of fly fishing and environmental education in a waterside environment. The Tweed Foundation actively supports TweedStart to the extent that it promotes environmental education and the objectives of the Tweed Foundation. The Tweed Trout and Grayling Biologist, Kenny Gait, currently allocates approximately 70% of his time towards the TweedStart educational programme in respect of the fly-ile and the natural history of Tweed which is a key element of TweedStart.

THE TWEED FOUNDATION  
OBJECTIVES FOR 2009

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**K**ey Objectives for 2009

- Education  
*To continue an extensive programme of educational meetings and publications explaining the work of the Tweed Foundation to a wide audience.*
- Tweed Fisheries Management Plan  
*To revise the Tweed Fisheries Management Plan (to Version 5) for the River Tweed Commission and to provide advice to the Commission to develop management policies on the River.*
- Tweed Trout & Grayling Initiative  
*To continue developing the wild trout and grayling initiative on Tweed, giving special attention to Upper Tweed.*
- Fish Counters  
*To operate two fish counters on the River Ettrick and Gala Water and to analyse the data with reference to Tweed fish stocks.*
- Geographical Information System (GIS)  
*To continue using GIS as a prime method of data and information management and retrieval on Tweed. To extend and improve the output systems from the GIS to speed up data retrieval and analysis to improve inputs to the management work as a whole.*
- Sea-trout  
*To work with the Association of Rivers Trusts to develop Sea-trout research under the EU Delta scheme.*
- Exploitation  
*To continue developing methodology to estimate the level of exploitation of Salmon and Sea-trout in Tweed by netting, trapping and tagging fish.*
- Tweed Traps  
*To continue monitoring the fish traps on Tweed to understand the population dynamics and relationships between Brown Trout and Sea-trout.*
- Fry Indexing and Electro-fishing  
*To continue the extension of the indexing of fry on the tributaries. 2009 electro-fishing work will be on the Leader, Gala and Upper Tweed.*
- Scale Reading  
*To continue a programme of scale reading of Salmon, Sea-trout and Brown Trout, developing the identification of fish population structures in the Tweed.*
- Genetics  
*To participate in a national genetics scheme by collecting samples and commissioning analysis of them through a specialist laboratory.*

*To establish a European partnership to investigate Sea-trout genetics and the ecology and distribution of Sea-trout at sea.*

- Consultancy  
*To continue to deliver an efficient and good value biological survey facility to developers and others on the River.*
  - Ettrick / Yarrow  
*To continue monitoring water temperatures and to investigate differences with relation to stocks over the catchment to give a baseline against which changes can be measured.*
  - St Mary's Loch  
*To assist Scottish Water to investigate the efficiency of access to the loch.*
  - Predators  
*To continue monitoring predators in the catchment.*
  - Signal Crayfish  
*To work with the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne to monitor invasive Signal Crayfish and to investigate control methodology.*
  - Eels  
*To assist in developing the Solway Tweed Eel Management Plan.*
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[www.tweedfoundation.org.uk](http://www.tweedfoundation.org.uk)

Information, reports, the Tweed Fisheries Management Plan, seminar alerts, auction brochures and scientific papers on the Tweed Foundation's work.

[www.ttgi.org.uk](http://www.ttgi.org.uk)

Information relating to the Tweed Trout & Grayling Initiative (TTGI). Newsletters, current studies being undertaken, Log Book downloads and more.

[www.rivertweed.org.uk](http://www.rivertweed.org.uk)

Our Tweed News site. Includes regular updates on fish counters, current items of interest from both The Tweed Foundation and the River Tweed Commission, reports on other topics of interest and concern to Tweed and a 'Biologist's Blog' spot.

[www.rtc.org.uk](http://www.rtc.org.uk)

The River Tweed Commission's website. Features Angling Codes, Annual Reports and other legislative information relating to the River.

[www.tweedstart.org.uk](http://www.tweedstart.org.uk)

Information on the TweedStart project - introducing all ages and social backgrounds (with a special emphasis on children and young people) to fly fishing, entomology and general river conservation on Tweed.

[www.fishtweed.org.uk](http://www.fishtweed.org.uk)

Tweed's main fishing lets website, also providing up-to-date information on river levels, catches, Trout fishing and Wheelyboat bookings. This site is run by the Tweed Rivers Fisheries Association.



### ***Tweedline***

**Tweedline telephone numbers have altered to:**

**Information & Prospects 09060 400 410**

**Daily River Levels 09060 400 411**

*Calls cost £1.50 per minute from a BT Landline (other network and mobile costs may vary). Profits from your call will go to the Tweed Foundation in support of its work to help preserve Tweed fish stocks. Service provided by the Tweed Foundation at Drygrange Steading, Melrose, Roxburghshire, TD6 9DJ.*



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