

MTSFC



The Masonic Fishing Charity

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MTSFC Aims

"The Masonic Fishing Charity's aim is to bring an interactive fishing and countryside experience to people with special needs".

It achieves this by running fishing events, both coarse and fly and inviting participants with special needs to come and join in. This includes anyone over 11 years old with mental or physical disabilities, the disadvantaged or those who have suffered trauma.

We hope to 'Catch The Smile' along the way.

CATCH THE SMILE

October 2025 Event Summary

Coaches gave hands on fishing with those able while others were assisted. After a lunch came the prizegiving – Certificates and a Goody Bag to round off their day with us.

The pictures show the volunteers and the Guest anglers certificate and goody bag that each child received. More on next page

Do you want to coach or help at these events? If so get in touch.

Masonic Trout and Salmon Fishing Charity West Kent Branch

The final event of 2025 was held at Spring Hill Trout Fishery on a **Monday 6th October** and was a fly-fishing event. The event was supported by 17 volunteers giving their time to make a successful event variously looking after the catering as well as coaches to cast for the guests. The hosted school was The Ravensbourne School with 10 children and 4 teachers attending.



The West Kent MTSFC Team of Volunteers

A Carp weighing about 4lb and a Roach of about 1.5lb were caught by Reggie who was under the care of Jason Hillier. 1 Rainbow trout was caught weighing in at 2lb 5oz and caught by Jaiden under the care of Ken Parry-Husbands. Another excellent demonstration and explanation of cleaning and preparing the fish was given to all the students and staff by Sam Carter. The prepared fish was taken away by Jaiden.

Report by Rob Lewis of The Ravensbourne School:

On Monday 6th October, 10 students went on the Fishing Trip to SpringHill Trout Fishery lakes in Pembury in Kent. Each of our students had 1-1 tuition from an experienced fisherman. They were taught the skills of casting out and then how to retrieve the line. It was a beautiful day and most of the fish were resting towards the bottom of the lake, but we did manage to catch a few of them! The students spent all morning fishing and then had a fantastic barbecue lunch before their rewards and certificate presentation. Jaiden managed to catch a big rainbow trout, which he took home for dinner! A big thanks to all the staff at Springhill and a fantastic experience and day was had by all our students.

A convivial lunch was provided which was followed by presentations to every child a framed certificate of achievement and a goody bag.



We caught a lot of Smiles! We respect the privacy of the children we host so we only show pictures of them if we are permitted.

If you are a coarse fisherman and want to get involved, we have some donated fly equipment that can be used to learn on, then please contact George Buckberry at g.buckberry@btinternet.com

