The Masonic Fishing Charity

https://www.mtsfc.org.uk

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

May 2026 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 first event of 2026 was held at Spring Hill Trout Fishery on a **Monday** 11th May and was a fly-fishing event. The event was supported by 15 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 Nexus School with 9 children and 4 teaching staff attending, led by Rebecca Platt.

The day started bright and Sunny but by mid-morning became very cloudy and windy making casting difficult at times. The water temperature was 16°C at the top and 15°C at the bottom. It was quite green and we could not see patrolling fish near the surface although on some occasions trout did leap out to catch flies on the surface. Here was evidence of trout fry and other species causing ripples across the surface. There were three rainbow trout caught on the day which were taken away for their families.



Caught by	Caster	Weight
Ryan	Mick	1lb 11oz
Eli	Sam	1lb 3oz
Freddy	Peter	1lb 7oz

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.

No contribution from Rebecca Platt of The Nexus School:

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