

# XPRESIONZ

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## A reel lot of fun in North Ascot

**Last September I applied for a youth opportunity fund grant to set up a fishing club in North Ascot.**

We have used the money to buy fishing tackle for the club, bait, rod licences and rental of TRAX Youth Club in North Ascot. The money has been very handy and much appreciated. It has allowed us to go fishing every Sunday and go to youth club once every two weeks to make rigs, make fishing baits, watch fishing DVDs, discuss what we want to do, where we want to fish and much more.

We recently went on a trip to The Big One tackle show in Farnborough.

"It was a brilliant day out, I was taught how to cast better by the Great Britain surf casting team and the amount of good deals offered were endless." - Scott Walters, age 15.

"It was a really good day out, I enjoyed being with everyone from the club and I got lots of good deals and freebies." - Nathan Sheridan, age 14.

I have had a lot of support from people after explaining what I am doing - for example Davies Angling in Staines has given us discounts and freebies towards the club, and CEMEX Angling has given us discounts on the use of some of their waters and have really helped us out.

When we put in for the grant we allowed for a maximum of 15 participants but to my surprise I have had over 20 members come along to the club. It has been a huge success and I have had some very keen anglers who are willing to learn and help others to learn how to fish. We still welcome new faces and if you are interested please contact me by email at [Tony\\_barker\\_89@hotmail.com](mailto:Tony_barker_89@hotmail.com).

By Tony Barker

"I think the fishing club is good because it allows me to go fishing with my mates every week and saves me spending all my money on bait and tickets."

**Jamie Howle, age 15.**

"Ascot Fishing Club is good because we go fishing every week and learn new things at the youth club. It also keeps us all off the streets and from being bored."

**Reece Merryman, age 15.**

"I had never been fishing before I went to the club and thought it was a bit boring but now I have caught some nice carp and love fishing. I have got really good since I started coming to the club."

**Nath Sheridan, age 14.**

"I think that without the club I would hardly ever get to fish and be bored all the time. I think it is good because we get to choose where we want to go and what we want to do."

**Sam Vine, age 16.**

"I really enjoy fishing with the club and meeting up with everyone so often. It's a good break from work and gives me time to relax with my mates doing a hobby I love."

**James Boyle, age 18.**

"I have been fishing for ages but having the club has allowed me to go more often and learn a lot more than I knew. We go to shows and make our own baits which I would never do without the club."

**Jake Lavender, age 16.**

"I never caught a fish before but I have caught loads now and I know how to tie rigs and fish without help."

**Ryan Anderson, age 14.**



## Your Youth Parliament members



**MIKE CARNE, 16**  
**Member of Youth Parliament**

**Interests:** music, volunteering, going out with friends.

**Working on:** Youth bar for the town centre hopefully for the summer holidays as a pilot for a permanent one in the new town. If you would like my help or for me to visit your club email me at [myp@bracknell-forest.gov.uk](mailto:myp@bracknell-forest.gov.uk)



**ALEX RUSKIN, 15**  
**Deputy Member of Youth Parliament**

**Interests:** drama, music concerts.

**Working on:** The transport issue for young people across the borough trying to get a fairer fares system in place.

If you would like to get involved with this or find out more about the UKYP email me at [dmp@bracknell-forest.gov.uk](mailto:dmp@bracknell-forest.gov.uk)



**JOSIE DYSTER, 14**  
**Deputy Member of Youth Parliament**

**Interests:** Guides, volunteering, music concerts.

**Working on:** Mental health information and services for young people across the borough. I hope to be able to meet you at clubs and schools so email me at [dmp@bracknell-forest.gov.uk](mailto:dmp@bracknell-forest.gov.uk) if you think I could help you or would like me to visit your club.