

Fishing – grayling provide wonderful sport



Lee Currie with a grayling hooked in a local water

Many fishermen have hung up their rods after the end of the trout season.

But Edinburgh-based guide Lee Currie urges you to seek out grayling which, he says, can provide wonderful winter sport.

Lee said: “There are excellent opportunities to catch grayling up and down Scotland.

“There are good grayling to be found on the United Clyde Angling Protective Association (UCAPA) water on The Clyde and on The Annan and locally grayling are on the River Esk.

“I predominantly fish for them on nymphs, a trio of nymphs normally, or two nymphs and a spider and with jig hooks.

“They love pink and they love orange colours and there are not many rules to it. It is all about presentation.

“It vitally is important to read the water and if your tungsten beads are not scratched up then you are not fishing deep enough for grayling in my opinion.

“It is important, therefore, to check your beads and make sure they are hitting the bottom.”

Lee, who also works in the Orvis shop in central Edinburgh, added: “It is fantastic sport and you can get great enjoyment from it.”

Lee also fishes dry fly for grayling and enjoyed a spell on The Annan at the weekend doing just that.

He added: "Grayling fishing is thoroughly recommended."