

Fishing – changes at Tarn for next season

A new toilet block, which will be suitable for disabled anglers, is being installed at Allandale Tarn which will re-open in mid-February.

Bosses are taking the opportunity to tidy-up the fishery which is next door to the Five Sisters Zoo at West Calder.

Iona Allan said that the mid-February re-opening was subject to the weather, but she plans to open the fishery gates at 8am with fishing from 9am to 4pm.

She added: “There are plenty of fish in the water to provide good sport.” The picture shows one of the hard-fighting trout being unhooked and put back to fight another day.

Meanwhile, the Scottish Youth Fly Fishing team host a fundraiser at Drumnassie near Blackridge on Sunday, March 8 (arrive for 8.15am). The cost is £30 per angler and there are prizes for the first, second and third places. Lunch is provided.

The Scottish Ladies Fly Fishing team are also hosting a fundraiser at Drumnassie on Sunday, April 19 and the cost is £30 per angler. Lunch is provided and there is a raffle.

Liz McLellan, one of the organisers, said it was to raise funds to host the Home Internationals at the Lake of Menteith near Stirling on May 28.

Organisers, she added, are also looking for boatmen to drive the boat (if required), set up the drifts, record catches and

keep catch cards safe.