

# **Pottishaw fund-raiser and Linlithgow fish concerns**

**Bosses of Pottishaw Fishery near Whitburn are holding a fund-raiser on Sunday, December 1, in aid to two West Lothian-based organisations.**

One of them involves students on the West Lothian College Assisted Programmes scheme who run a weekly pantry providing food and toiletries at low cost to fellow students who may be struggling financially.

Fraser Thomson, who runs Pottishaw Fishery said: "I have seen at first hand the benefits of the assisted programmes. The pantry not only contributes to tackling poverty, but also to the development of students."

The other charity is Bathgate-based Dance Fusion who are raising cash to take a competition team to New York to dance in Times Square and on Broadway in July next year.

Entry to the catch and release competition will be £30 including lunch and the angler with the most fish will win a day for two people on the North Esk to fish for salmon.

Meanwhile, Linlithgow Loch fishing bosses have called in experts following the discovery of dead fish.

Tom Lambert, secretary of the Forth Area Federation of Anglers, who administer fishing at the popular water, claimed there was an incident in midweek near pipes entering the loch.

He said a large number of young roach were involved.

Lambert added: "I reported it to Scottish Water who sent someone out to investigate. They are hopefully carrying out an intensive survey to locate the source and cause of the incident." The Scottish Environmental Protection Agency have also been alerted.

PICTURE: Pottishaw in the summer sunshine. Picture ***Nigel Duncan***