

Coarse fish in the River Dee

- Roach

The Roach is the most common of the silver fish. Although colourings can vary considerably from water to water, it is still easily identified. The back can be green-brown with hints of metallic blue, blue-black or blue-green. The flanks are silver and the belly is ivory-white or cream. Dorsal and dorsal fins are reddish brown, whilst the pectoral fins are orange and ventral fins coral red. The eyes are also red.

- Pike

The Pike is a long and slender fish, built for acceleration. The flanks are green and blend perfectly with the reeds where the pike lies in wait. The head is long with powerful jaws and razor sharp teeth, the upper set of which are rear-ward facing to prevent its prey escaping once gripped.

- Perch

The Perch has spined fins and an intriguing reputation. It can reach four and a half pounds or more and it is powerful and cunning predator.

- Chub

The Chub is a fine looking fish. It is sturdily built with large scales and a big mouth set in a large head. Small chub are often confused with large dace, but distinction lies in the large mouth and the shaping of the dorsal fin. The chub has a convex shaped dorsal fin whilst the dace has a concave fin.

- Dace

Like the Chub, this is another fish that inhabits the fast, gravel-bedded streams and mixes with the trout. The old title - "dart" says all that can be said about its movements. The dace dashes here and there below the surface, its silver flanks glittering as it turns and twists.

Maelor Angling Association

The association was founded over 125 years ago and is based at Cefn Mawr, in the beautiful Dee Valley in North Wales

Water

The association has access to over six-and-a-half miles of pristine water on the River Dee. Salmon, Brown Trout and Grayling are plentiful, along with good coarse fishing.