**[DATE]**

**Press release: For immediate release**

**[Insert name of angling club] removes [insert number] of litter from our waterways.**

A team of [insert] angling members and volunteers spent [e.g. Saturday morning/ four hours] along the [insert river/ beach/ waterway] picking up litter to help to protect native wildlife and environment from harm.

Over [insert number of bags] of litter were collected by anglers during the event, including the usual suspects such as plastic water bottles, cans and fast food packaging, along with some other more unusual items such as [insert item].

Litter pollution presents a major threat to our waterways. Plastic does not biodegrade, instead breaking down into smaller pieces that remain in the environment. Fish and other aquatic animals may mistake these small plastic particles for food, eat it and then plastic enters our food chain. For other forms of litter pollution, animals can easily become entangled or injure themselves, sadly resulting in death in some cases. This litter is often discarded or left on the water bank, or blown in from nearby parks or streets.

Litter picks such as these occur are being undertaken by anglers on a regular basis across the country to help tackle this environmental issue and protect the environment.

[Name, role] from [angling club] who [organised/ took part in] the clean-up said “[insert quote here]”.

**ENDS**

**About the Angling Club** [optional extra]

Founded in [insert], [insert name of angling club] is based in [location].

It is primary a [insert] club, and encourages individuals interested in giving angling a go, whatever their age or experience to get in touch.

[insert club website and social media]