



Homersfield Lake

2026 - 2027

A family-run business since 1962 | One of the UK's premier specimen lakes | Based in Suffolk



“Its a great privilege to sit here now... I’m looking out across the lake with big cats, big carp, big roach, big everything else, life doesn’t get any better than that.”

Matt Hayes, TV fishing presenter

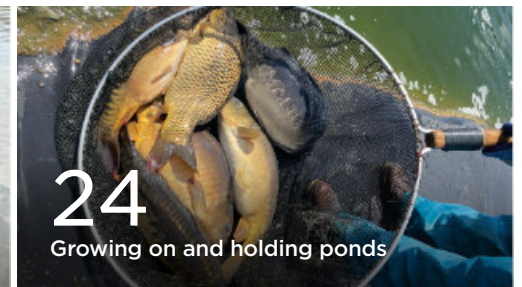
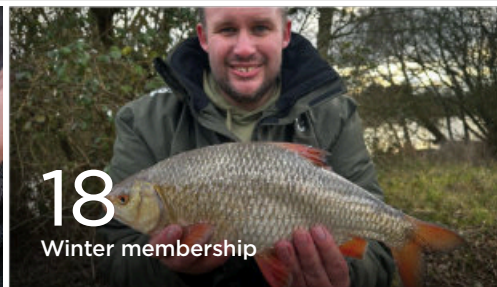
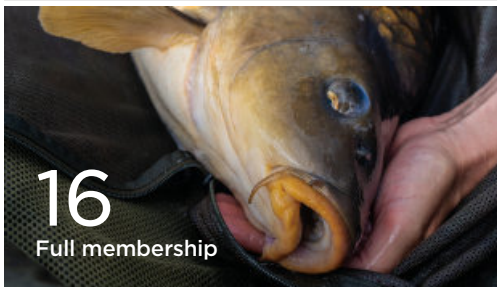


“In my opinion Homersfield Lake from an all rounder point of view has to be one of the best lakes in the country, I doubt there is another lake in the country that has such an impressive stock.”

Phil Spinks, specimen angler and lead angler for Angling Direct TV (ADTV).



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Welcome to Homersfield Lake

Welcome to our 2026/2027 brochure

We hope you find it informative and that it clearly explains everything we do here.

The history of a lake can be just as important as its fishing history—but when the two come together, something truly special is created. We like to think that's exactly what we have here. Since taking ownership in 1978, the lake has become well known for its specimen fishing. From carp, roach, and Wels catfish to tench, the lake has consistently made headlines across the angling world.

Our family's involvement with carp fisheries and carp farms in the UK began in 1962, when my late

parents, Norman and Vera Symonds, purchased six lakes and a handful of caravans—creating what would become the iconic Waveney Valley Lakes Caravan Park in Norfolk. We developed it for 26 years before selling in 1988. As a family-run business, 2026 marks our 64th year owning and running fisheries and fish farms across the UK. You'll find our history at the end of this brochure.

Homersfield Lake is regarded as one of the finest specimen lakes in the UK, producing countless memorable catches for both members and guests staying at Kingfisher Lodge or Five Islands House—many of them personal bests. Whatever time of year you visit, the lake and surrounding grounds offer something for everyone.



I would like to thank all our members and guests who stayed with us throughout 2025. The fantastic fish you've caught are showcased throughout this brochure. Once again, long-standing member and top specimen angler Phil Spinks of Angling Direct TV has enjoyed an exceptional season, with several outstanding sessions. Amanda Hook, also of Angling Direct TV, has created some beautiful videos and captured some stunning photography.

What makes Homersfield Lake so special?

Homersfield Lake is a private membership water located in the picturesque village of Homersfield on the River Waveney, which forms the boundary between Norfolk and Suffolk. The 35-acre lake sits within 70 acres of private, landscaped grounds and holds an exceptional stock of fish. Tucked away from public view, it is widely considered one of the most prolific fisheries in the UK.

- Carp: mirror and common carp up to 60lbs, with a large head of fish between 20- 50lbs.
- Wels catfish: home to the former official British record; many fish now exceed 130lbs.
- Tench: over 13lbs.
- Bream: over 15lbs.
- Perch also reside in the lake.
- Roach: renowned nationwide, with more than six fish over 4lbs and numerous 3lb+ specimens caught. It is, without doubt, one of the finest roach fisheries in the UK.

Staying with us

Whether you're here to fish or simply to enjoy the tranquility of the Waveney Valley, both of our on-site properties offer beautiful views over the lake and convenient access to the local area. We are close to Southwold's coastline and the historic city of Norwich. Staying at either property also allows non-members to fish the lake (terms and conditions apply).



Fishing included

Fishing is now included with all stays. Each booking includes fishing for one named angler. A second named angler may fish for an additional charge.

All anglers must follow our rules, terms, and conditions, available on our website and sent to you before arrival.

Kingfisher Lodge (Sleeps 4)

- Saturday-Saturday bookings
- Popular with couples and older families
- Maximum of two named anglers using two dedicated swims
- Additional cost for the second angler (details on page 08)

Five Islands House (Sleeps 6)

- Saturday-Saturday bookings
- Popular with couples and families, especially those with younger children
- Features a hot tub, games room, and large enclosed garden
- Guests may fish from one of the 26 swims around the lake.

- Additional cost for a second angler (see page 14)
- Two price bands: 1-4 guests, and 5-6 guests (details on page 14)

Winter bookings 2026-2027

From 3 January to 21 March 2026 and 28 November 2026 to 20 March 2027, fishing is included at no extra cost for two named anglers when staying at either property.

Membership

Full and winter memberships are limited, and we operate a waiting list. When applying, it is helpful to provide a brief outline of your fishing experience. Further details can be found on pages 16-19.

Fishing days with specimen angler Phil Spinks

Phil has been a member for over nine years and is known across the UK as one of the top specimen anglers and the main face of Angling Direct TV (ADTV). Whether you're staying with us or considering membership, a session with Phil is an excellent way to learn more about the lake.

Looking ahead to 2026

As we celebrate 64 years of running carp fisheries and fish farms, we hope this brochure captures the passion and dedication we put into managing Homersfield Lake.

If you would like more information on anything within this brochure then please get in touch. You can also follow us on Facebook, Instagram, X, and YouTube, or visit our website at homersfieldlake.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Martin Symonds
Owner, Homersfield Lake





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Kingfisher Lodge

The lodge is perfect for couples and families seeking an exclusive and private place to stay. Set within 70 acres of tranquil grounds, it offers stunning views across Homersfield Lake. This self-catering lodge, which sleeps four, has been completely re-styled to a high specification.

The modern, fully equipped kitchen, along with the conservatory, dining room and lounge, all provide beautiful views over the water. The lodge includes two double bedrooms; the master bedroom features its own en-suite, and there is a second bathroom for guests' use.

During your stay, you'll have the opportunity to fish the lake and explore the landscaped grounds, enjoying the abundant wildlife and peaceful surroundings.

Fishing included for one guest — and two guests in winter

Weekly prices for Kingfisher Lodge include fishing for one named guest. A second named guest may fish for an additional charge. Guests may fish from two designated swims.

Winter dates and prices can be found on page 08 or on our website.

For all anglers, we provide landing nets, weigh slings and unhooking mats. Fish welfare is our number one priority. While fishing, we ask guests to follow our rules, terms and conditions, which will be sent prior to your stay and are also available on our website.

Whether you are staying at Kingfisher Lodge for fishing, walking, birdwatching or a cycling holiday, it is the perfect place to relax—not only for exploring the Waveney Valley, but also for experiencing all that East Anglia has to offer.

For bookings or further information, please email us or check availability on our website: homersfieldlake.com

Homersfield village

The lodge is within walking distance of the River Waveney and the local pub The Black Swan. A selection of restaurants and cafés can be found nearby in both Bungay and Harleston.



Important information

Lake Closure The lake will be closed for fishing from 30 May to 13 June 2026.

If the carp spawn before or after these dates, we will ask guests to stop fishing for carp; however, fishing for other species will still be allowed.

Guests are welcome to continue staying with us and to enjoy full access to the grounds.

No Fishing Groups Fishing groups are not permitted. Only two named anglers may fish when staying at the lodge.

No Pets Pets are not allowed at the lodge.





Kingfisher Lodge includes:

Open plan room with sitting/dining room with comfortable seating, including a flat screen TV with the latest streaming platforms.

CD player, table and four chairs and electric living flame fire.

Conservatory with comfortable seating and incredible views.

Kitchen with gas hob and oven, fridge/freezer, microwave, dishwasher, washing machine and tumble dryer.

Bedroom one with double bed and en-suite shower room with shower cubicle, washbasin and WC.

Bedroom two with a double bed.

Bathroom with bath, over-bath shower, washbasin and WC.

Garden includes a private patio with table and chairs and access to the lake and grounds.

Driveway for two vehicles.

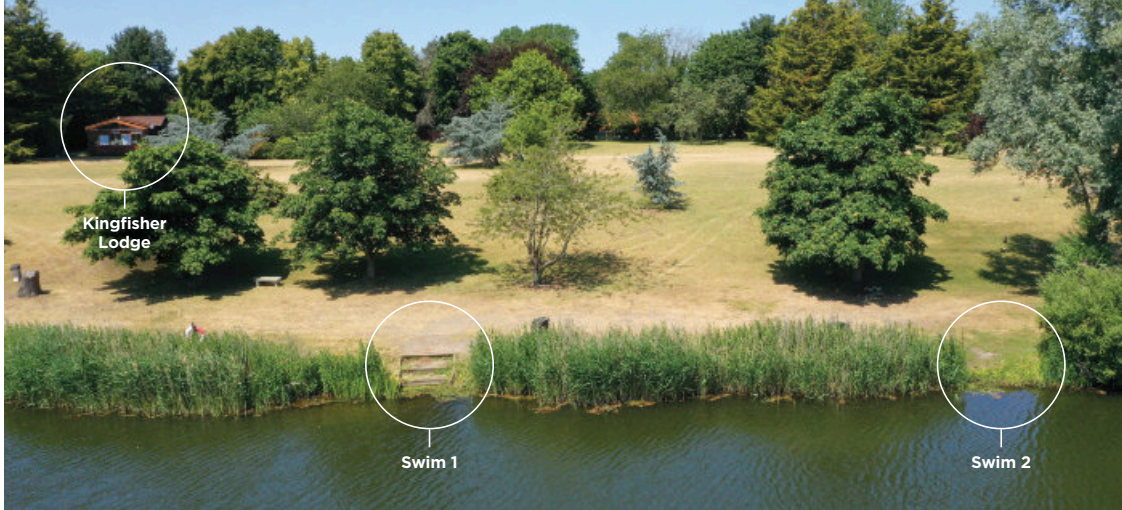
Gas central heating as well as electric convector heaters.

Also provided: towels, books, board games and Wi-Fi.

Charcoal barbecue.

Opposite: Kingfisher Lodge is furnished to a high standard

Left: Aerial view of Kingfisher Lodge and its two designated swims



Kingfisher Lodge price list

Prices shown below are based on one week's stay for up to four named guests. **Check-in time is 4:00pm, check-out time is 10:00am.**

Prices include fishing for one guest

If you wish to fish, fishing is included for one named guest. If a second named guest would like to fish there is an extra charge. See prices opposite.

Weekly prices Saturday to Saturday for 2026/27

Date	1-4 guests
3 January - 28 February	£785pw
28 February - 4 April	£905pw
4 April - 30 May	£1,025pw
30 May - 13 June (no fishing)	£920pw
13 June - 11 July	£1,045pw
11 July - 3 October	£1,150pw
3 October - 24 October	£1,025pw
24 October - 14 November	£905pw
14 November - 19 December	£785pw
2 January - 27 February (2027)	£785pw
27 February - 20 March (2027)	£905pw

Fishing price list

Prices are shown per day. The two designated swims are shown above. **Fishing while staying at Kingfisher Lodge is limited to two named people.**

Prices for second named angler

03 Jan 2026 - 21 Mar 2026 Fishing included

22 March 2026 - 27 November 2026

1 Rod 12 hrs	£7.50
1 Rod 24 hrs	£15
2 Rods (max) 12 hrs	£15
2 Rods (max) 24 hrs	£30

28 Nov 2026 - 20 Mar 2027 Fishing included

Winter bookings include fishing for two anglers

Fishing is included at no additional cost for two named anglers during weekly winter bookings (see dates below).

Winter seasons:

- 3 January to 21 March 2026
- 28 November 2026 to 20 March 2027

All guests fishing the lake at any time of year must abide by our fishing rules, terms and conditions. These will be sent to you with your booking forms and can also be found on our website.



Kingfisher Lodge reviews



Having returned to Homersfield in September 2025 for yet another fantastic holiday staying in Kingfisher Lodge. We have booked the next trip in 2026. The lodge is well maintained and clean and lake is extremely well presented. Martin and Lara are always on hand if you require anything.

If you are fishing or just relaxing, even using the lodge for both fishing and local sightseeing it is without a doubt highly recommend to stay here at Homersfield and like us you will get hooked in more ways than one...

Thanks Lara and Martin for a lovely stay, see you again soon.

Mr and Mrs Jermey September 2025

This is the second time we have stayed in the lodge and we've had another fantastic week. The lodge is very spacious with panoramic views across the lake and it's well equipped with everything you could possibly need. The fishing has been really good. My wife and I only fished for four hours a day, on the feeder, but we had loads of roach and bream to a really good size. Thank-you again Martin and Lara for being so welcoming, we will be back next year.

Jason Scott March 2025

Above: Guest's catches while staying at Kingfisher Lodge in 2025



Scan the QR code to leave a review or to read all of our five star* reviews on Google.



*Correct at time of going to print.



Five Islands House

Five Islands House was once our family home and has now been beautifully refurbished to a high, comfortable standard. The property accommodates up to six guests and is perfect for couples, families of all ages and those seeking a peaceful countryside retreat. With a fully fenced garden overlooking Homersfield Lake, it is also ideal for families with children. Guests can enjoy a private hot tub and a dedicated games room during their stay.

Whether you are visiting for fishing, walking, birdwatching or cycling, Five Islands House is the perfect place to relax and unwind. It is an excellent base for exploring the Waveney Valley and the wider East Anglia region. Weekly bookings run from Saturday to Saturday.

When booking

We now offer two price bands:

- one to four guests
- five to six guests

Important information

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Fishing included for one guest — and two guests in winter

All prices include fishing for one named angler. A second named angler may fish for an additional charge. During the winter season, fishing is included for two named anglers at no extra cost.

Full pricing, winter dates and fishing information can be found on page 14 or on our website. Guests are welcome to choose from one of the 26 swims around the lake.

All anglers are asked to follow our fishing rules, terms and conditions, which will be provided before your stay and are also available on our website homersfieldlake.com

Homersfield village

Five Islands House is within walking distance of the River Waveney and the local pub. A selection of restaurants and cafés can be found in the nearby towns of Bungay and Harleston.

Guests are welcome to continue staying with us and to enjoy full access to the grounds.

No Fishing Groups Fishing groups are not permitted. Only two named anglers may fish when staying at the lodge.

No Pets Pets are not allowed at the lodge.



Above: Father and son's PBs while staying at Five Islands House





Five Islands House includes:

Lounge with comfortable seating, including a flat screen TV the latest streaming platforms. Patio doors opening out into the garden. Open fireplace.

Dining room with table and chairs.

Kitchen fully equipped with hob and oven, fridge/freezer and microwave.

Utility room with washing machine and dishwasher.

Bedroom one with a double bed and a TV.

Bedroom two with a double bed and a TV.

Bedroom three with a bunk bed (two beds).

Bedroom four downstairs with a single bed.

Bathroom with bath, over-bath shower, washbasin and WC.

Downstairs toilet room.

Large front garden.

Games room.

Hot tub.

Garden includes a private patio with table and chairs, fully fenced with views over the lake.

Gas central heating.

Also provided: sheets and towels.

Private parking for three vehicles.

Free Wi-Fi available.

Charcoal barbecue.

Prices for 2026/27

We offer two price bands firstly for one to four guests and secondly for five to six guests. Prices include fishing for one named guest. If a second named guest would like to fish see prices below. See our special offer on winter bookings for fishing.

Five Islands price list

Prices shown allow up to six named guests to stay at the house. **Check-in time is 4:00pm, check-out time is 10:00am.**

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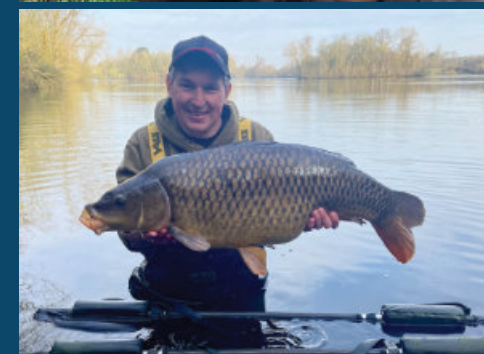
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Five Islands House reviews

A beautiful lake and lovely accommodation at Five Islands House. We returned for another year as a family and it was just as lovely as it's ever been. Thank you Lara and Martin for being such great hosts. It is a lovely place to be and we enjoy taking in the lovely view of the lake from the house. Look forward to returning next year, Bev.

The Kirks October 2025

This place is beautiful and the Five Islands House is a home from home. Martin and Lara are great hosts and lovely people to talk to. The lake is fantastic and speaks for itself with huge carp, roach, tench and bream. We've had a great week's fishing and a new PB for a mate with a 2lb 13oz roach. Huge thanks to Martin and Lara and I hope to see you again soon.

Karl Wilson March 2025



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Massive Thank you to Lara and Martin, we had a fantastic time and stayed in the beautiful Five Islands house with stunning views, including the sun rise every morning. The Fishing was excellent even with a hard frost most days and great advice from Phil Spinks to. Highly recommend to anyone wanting to explore the local area and fish Homersfield Lakes. Awesome week.

Kevin Brown March 2025



One of the most enjoyable filming sessions I have ever been on. So many thanks to Martin and Phil for their generous help, and to Lara for feeding us so well with home baking and sandwiches. The accommodation was superb with everything we could ever need. As for the lake and the fishing - WOW.

Mick Brown (While filming Episode 4 of the Ultimate Rodrace), Sept 2024



Above: guest's catches while staying at Five Islands House

This was our second visit to Five Islands House. The house has everything you need for a relaxed and peaceful stay. The children really enjoyed the hot tub and games room.

The house is situated in a really nice village and was perfect for us to discover the local area and the seaside at Southwold. We are not fishermen but the house has beautiful views over the lake and we found ourselves spending lots of time walking around the lake enjoying the birds and wildlife.

Lara and Martin are really nice and helpful and Lara's cakes are just wonderful. Thank you for a great week and we are already planning our next trip back.

Mrs S Judges, July 2024



41lbs



35lbs



54lbs 12oz

Full memberships

The lake has been owned by our family since 1978 and is renowned as one of the UK's most prolific specimen fishing lakes. It is home to:

- Mirror and common carp up to 60lbs
- Roach over 4lbs
- Wels catfish over 130lbs
- Tench over 13lbs
- Bream over 15lbs
- Perch over 3lbs

Full membership details

Full membership is very exclusive and limited, and our membership is always full. 2026 membership year:

- Runs from 1 April 2026 – 31 March 2027
- Cost: £1,400

Spawning season

- During May and June, we monitor the carp's spawning period.
- Members are asked not to fish for carp during this time to allow them to spawn and recover.
- Fishing for other species is permitted.

Lake closure

The lake is closed from 30 May – 13 June 2026 to allow the fish, wildlife and birdlife to rest and any lake maintenance if required.

Joining our membership

If you are interested in joining the waiting list:

- 1.** Provide some background on your fishing history and experience. This helps us when offering full or winter memberships.
- 2.** Potential new members will be invited to meet me here to be shown around the lake before a final membership decision is made.

Non-members

The only way non-members can fish is by renting Kingfisher Lodge or Five Islands House (fishing rules, terms and conditions apply).

One of the best ways to explore membership is to book a day of fishing with Phil Spinks, one of the UK's top specimen anglers. This allows us to get to know you and for you to experience the lake first-hand.

To apply for membership and join the waiting list email: info@homersfieldlake.com with your relevant fishing details.

“It's like the Jurassic Park of fishing... everything grows big”

Phil Spinks

Specimen angler, ADTV



Above: Phil Spinks with a big common

Left: fish caught by our members during 2025



Winter memberships

Homersfield Lake is renowned for its excellent carp and roach fishing during the winter months, which led us to introduce our Winter Membership.

Winter membership details

- Runs from early November to late March of the following year
- Cost (2025/26 rate): £650
- Winter members may be given priority to apply for full membership, if one becomes available, at our discretion.
- Membership is limited, and new applicants are considered carefully.

Joining winter membership

Potential new winter members are invited to meet me at the lake during September and October for a tour and introduction before any final membership decisions are made.

To apply or join the winter membership waiting list, email info@homersfieldlake.com with your relevant fishing experience and background.

Non-members

The only way non-members can fish is by renting Kingfisher Lodge or Five Islands House (fishing rules and terms apply).

One of the best ways for non-members to explore winter membership is by booking a day's fishing with Phil Spinks, one of the UK's top specimen anglers. This gives us the chance to get to know you and for you to experience fishing the lake first-hand.

Left: the lake can fish really well during the winter months for carp and roach

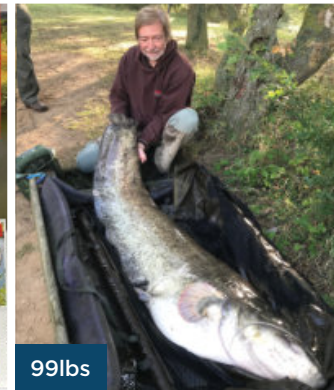


35lbs



“Homersfield is the best roach water I’ve ever fished”

Bob Nudd MBE
4x World Coarse Angling Champion



99lbs

Catfish history

In September 1993 the lake produced the British record Wels catfish at 49lbs 14oz.



Carp history

Back in 1980 we initially stocked the lake with 3,000 carp from our fish farm in Essex, ranging from 3lbs to 36lbs.



4lbs 3oz



85lbs

Fishing over the years

Carp fishing

Homersfield Lake has its part in carp fishing history. The lake was developed by our family who started Waveney Valley Lakes in 1962, which is recognised as the place that the modern day carp angler and the blueprint for future carp fisheries started. When we created the lake at Homersfield we knew we could carry everything we had built at Waveney and at our fishery and carp farm at Fishers Green in Essex and create something special. Since 1978 the lake has created records for many anglers over the years and will hopefully continue to do so.

There is a huge head of carp (we estimate over 900 fish), ranging from 10lbs to 60lbs. All the carp in the lake have been bred within the water.

Although we have a natural head of young carp coming on we take some of our young fish and grow them on in our growing on ponds that we have here. Every season we introduce some of those fish back into the lake. Over the last few seasons we have introduced over 200 mirrors and commons between 17lbs and 24lbs back into the lake.

It's very pleasing to know that all our 40lb+ fish, now up to nearly 60lbs, have all started by being bred in the lake.

Roach fishing

Over the years the lake is now looked upon as one of the, if not the, best roach fisheries in the UK.

This is why the Angling Times described it as "The greatest roach venue in the land". And the Angling Mail's editor said "Homersfield Lake seems like a lake from another world".

Phil Spinks made angling history back in 2017 by catching SIX 3lbs+ roach in one session. In the

same year a 4lbs 3oz Roach was also caught. It regularly produces numerous roach over 2lbs and 3lbs. Over the years the lake has produced six different fish over 4lbs that we know of.

I also run charity roach fishing matches during the year and get to see some amazing weights caught. Top weights caught have exceeded 100lbs and a large majority of the fish caught are over 1lbs 8oz with many 2lbs and several 3lbs fish in the mix.

It's always nice to receive compliments from anglers here, especially from Bob Nudd (4x World Course Angling Champion).

Many guests who stay with us go away with a PB roach and if over 3lbs then they had caught a fish of a lifetime.

Wels catfish fishing

Homersfield Lake came to everyone's attention for Wels catfish when in 1993 the lake produced the British record at that time weighing 49lbs 12oz. Since then the size of our Catfish have gone from strength to strength. Although we keep a strict control on the numbers in the lake, our cats are now weighing in at over 130lbs. Over the years we now see lots of fish between 80 to 100lbs and even a few bigger weighing at over 130lbs.

Without doubt they are one of the hardest fighting fish in the UK and when fishing here you have a great chance to catch a PB.

Tench and bream fishing

The lake also holds tench over 13lbs and bream over 15lbs. It really is an all round specimen lake.



"As a match angler I'm used to catching some big nets of roach and nothing really phases me, but the roach fishing at Homersfield is something special. Having never caught a 2lb roach in the UK after three visits I've had a 2lb 6oz and a 2lb 7oz, plus close to a 100lb catch in a match. I'll look forward to the day when I can perhaps have a pleasure session and target a 3lb fish, now that would be a real achievement for myself."

Bob Nudd MBE 4x World Coarse Angling Champion

The lake through the year





Growing on and holding ponds

A family heritage in carp breeding

Our family has been breeding carp since 1975. We established the first commercial carp farm in the UK at our home in Essex—Fishers Green Farm, near Waltham Abbey on the River Lea. At that time, we produced hundreds of thousands of carp which were supplied to the Thames Valley Water Authority and stocked throughout the UK over a seven-year period.

It was during these early years that we created our own carp bloodline, crossing mirror carp imported from Belgium with Magoi carp from Japan. This produced an exceptional strain of carp that we continue to refine and improve today.

The carp bred in those early years were also the first fish stocked into Homersfield Lake in 1980/81, when around 3,000 carp between 4lb and 36lb were introduced.

Carp at Homersfield Lake today

Now, in 2026, Homersfield Lake holds an exceptional head of carp, with home-bred fish reaching sizes of up to 60lb. We continue to develop and improve our bloodline each year.

Between 2023 and 2025 we introduced over 200 mixed mirrors and commons, ranging from 17lb to 24lb, back into the lake. This forms part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining a strong, healthy, and diverse population, supported by our extensive growing-on ponds where hundreds of young carp are being reared for the future.



Far left: in 1973 we imported three tons (180 fish over 30lbs) from Belgium

Left: we have hundreds of carp growing on in our ponds

Surplus fish for sale

Throughout the season we are occasionally able to offer surplus fish to other fisheries. Fish can be collected from Homersfield Lake or delivery can be arranged, and all stock is supplied with full health certification.

Carp

We offer our very own bloodline of carp, ranging from 2lb to 30lb.

Wels catfish

Wels are always available, typically between 10lb and 80lb.

Roach

During the winter months we can supply roach from 6oz to 1lb 8oz.

Bream

Bream are available from 2lb to 10lb.







51lbs



2lbs 12oz



3lbs

Fishing sessions with specimen angler Phil Spinks

Whether you're staying as a guest at the lodge or the house, or hoping to become a future member, a day's fishing with Phil Spinks is one of the best ways to learn about Homersfield Lake.

Phil has been a member for over nine years and is widely recognised as one of the UK's top all-round specimen anglers. He regularly features on our YouTube channel, Homersfield Lake, in "THE LAKE" series. As the main face of ADTV at Angling Direct, he appears in countless films available on YouTube.

His results at the lake are part of modern angling history. Phil has landed:

- Six roach over 3lb in a single session
- A 4lb roach (the lake has produced six different roach over 4lb)
- Carp to 51lb, including a session where he landed a 20lb, 30lb and 40lb carp
- Numerous Wels catfish to 99lb
- In one season alone he caught 188 carp, including two forties and many thirties and twenties.

His more recent catches include:

- A 51lb 8oz surface-caught carp in 2024
- A remarkable 12-hour session with a triple take of doubles, followed by a brace of twenties and then a brace of thirties
- Another session where he caught nine twenties in one day

Phil is, without doubt, an exceptional angler—and one who genuinely enjoys sharing his knowledge.

Throughout 2025, many guests and prospective members who have fished with Phil have achieved their personal bests. Whether you're targeting carp, roach, catfish, tench or bream, you will enjoy an informative and memorable day with one of the best specimen anglers in the UK.

Please note: Phil's schedule is extremely busy, so early booking is strongly recommended.



I knew that Homersfield was a special place and has been on my radar for many years... the fish were biting from the first cast and my third roach of the day going 1lb 11oz! The day only got better... I achieved that magical target of a 2lb+ roach with the fantastic guidance and assistance from Phil. I can't thank you all enough for making it a very special day.

PH, November 2025.

Prices

If renting Kingfisher Lodge or Five Islands House, fishing for carp, roach, Wels catfish, tench, bream prices start from:

12hr session (includes bait) £120

24hr session (includes bait) £180

If you're interested in becoming a member then sessions start from:

12hr session (includes bait) £150

24hr session (includes bait) £230

These sessions are highly recommended. He has years of experience catching specimen fish from all over the UK.

Membership option

We are fortunate to have a full membership, with waiting lists for both full and winter memberships. There is no fee to join the waiting list, but one of the most effective ways for us to consider new members is through a day's fishing with Phil.

A session with Phil allows us to meet you at the lake, talk through membership options, and gives you the opportunity to learn about Homersfield Lake while receiving expert guidance.

Films at the lake

New films

“An interview with...” series

In 2025 we started a new series of films called ‘An interview with...’. These films are with leading fishing personalities, to learn more about the people behind the fishing world. These included top specimen angler Phil Spinks of ADTV; four-time world course angler Bob Nudd MBE; Martin Page, co-founder of Angling Direct and well known angler Martin Bowler, with more to come.

More to come in 2026

We are currently working on new films, which include:

- ‘Carp fishing in 1981’
- ‘48 hours here at the lake’
- ‘Our family passion for carp from 1962 to 2026’ (A documentary)
- Plus more ‘An interview with...’ films

Other films in 2025

These included ‘Ultimate Rod Race’ with Matt Hayes and Mick Brown. Released in 2025, this shows Matt and Mick here in episode four, hoping to catch a large Wells catfish.

Notts Fishing TV released several videos on YouTube in 2025 called ‘Lake of giants’. In this series Kevin Brown caught his PB roach after waiting 40 years.

Fishflix.online - well known angler Martin Bowler, with cameraman Laurence Hanger, spent a day here in October for one of their films, which was released in late 2025.

“THE LAKE” series

In 2021 we started filming our “THE LAKE” series of films. So far we have made six films showing how Phil Spinks goes about fishing over the year and at the same time catching some amazing fish.

Carl and Alex Fishing Adventures

Well known fishing YouTubers Carl and Alex joined us here at the lake in 2021. Carl previously joined us in Japan in 2019 to make a film about koi carp. It has now had over nine million views on YouTube.

In 2021 they made a film called ‘Fishing my dream lake’ at Homersfield. We also made a film about them which can be seen on our YouTube channel.

ADTV (Angling Direct TV)

Angling Direct are the largest retailers of fishing tackle in the UK. They can often be found here making promotional films on new tackle or having their top videographer and photographer Amanda Hook taking promo pictures. Many of the photos in this brochure can be credited to Amanda.

All our films can be seen on our Homersfield Lake YouTube channel. Scan the QR code to visit our channel and subscribe to stay up to date.



Over the decades

Throughout the decades we’ve made many films here. These have included the ‘Go fishing’ series of films with our friend the late John Wilson MBE.



“I think Homersfield is the most beautiful, well manicured, well managed fresh water fishery within the British Isles.”

The late **John Wilson MBE**

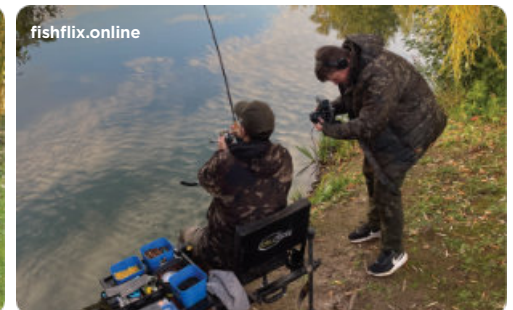
An interview with... series



The Lake series



Other films



More than just fishing

Homersfield Lake is set in the pretty village of Homersfield, and both Kingfisher Lodge and Five Islands House offer the perfect getaway for couples and families.

Kingfisher Lodge, located within the grounds and overlooking the lake, is an ideal retreat for couples.

Five Islands House sits in its own large, fully fenced private garden beside the owners' house and grounds, with stunning views across the lake. It is perfect for couples and families and lies within the beautiful Waveney Valley.

This is an ideal base from which to explore the surrounding countryside. The Suffolk coastline is just 18 miles away, and Norwich city is only 19 miles to the north. The area is rich in history, dotted with pretty villages, and offers wonderful opportunities for walking and cycling.



Walking

The Waveney Valley is a delight for walking enthusiasts, with countless beautiful routes to discover nearby. Guests also have exclusive access to a private walk around our 35- acre lake, ideal for peaceful strolls and wildlife watching.

Bird watching

The lake and grounds are home to a wide variety of birdlife, making this a fantastic place for bird watching. For keen enthusiasts, more locations are within easy reach, including the renowned RSPB Minsmere reserve on the Suffolk coast.

Cycling & canoeing

For cyclists, the area offers miles of quiet country lanes to explore. For those who enjoy canoeing or paddle boarding, the River Waveney is just 150 metres away—perfect for setting off on a tranquil journey through scenic surroundings.

Places of interest

Staying with us places you in the heart of Suffolk and Norfolk, with easy access to:

- The Suffolk coastline, including Southwold
- The Norfolk Broads
- Historic towns and landmarks
- Norwich city
- A wide range of attractions, walks and local beauty spots

There is so much to discover, whether you're here to relax or explore.







Our history since 1962

1960s

1962 My father and mother, Norman and Vera Symonds, bought six lakes with a few caravans on it and had the vision to create what became the iconic Waveney Valley Lakes Caravan Park in Norfolk. This would become a blue print for future carp fisheries in the UK and Europe.

1963-1966 Over these years Norman and Vera Symonds develop the lakes and land.

1967 We had met our long term friends David, Ros and Micheal Everett and started to bring carp in from Belgium to stock the lakes at Waveney Valley Lakes.

1967-1969 We started bringing in tons of carp to stock the lakes at Waveney Valley. From 1967 to 1973 our friends (Everett's) imported around 20 to 30 tons of carp per year, these were varying sizes and supplied them across the UK.



1962



1962



1963-66



1967



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1967-69



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1970s

1971 Peter Stacey's two 30lbs+ carp hit the national angling press and made people notice Waveney Valley. We start seeing a new type of angler come fishing just for carp

1972 We buy Fishers Green in Waltham Abbey, Essex with two lakes and a stretch on the River Lea.

1973 We continue bringing big carp from Belgium for Fishers Green and Waveney Valley. By now every lake at Waveney Valley had carp over 30lbs and was continually making the fishing news. On one shipment from Belgium we imported three tons of carp over 30lbs around 190 fish.

1974 The importation of carp from Europe is stopped by the UK authorities.

1974 Anglers from across the UK started coming weekly to Waveney Valley Lakes, including Lenny Middleton, Kevin Maddocks, Rod Hutchinson, Jeremy Wade and many many more... it is considered that the modern day carp angler developed from this period at Waveney Valley Lakes, and our complex helped create the carp fishing industry.

Our late friend John Wilson writes the first piece on Waveney Valley about us, this would start our 44 year friendship with him.

1975 Norman Symonds decided to build at Fishers Green in Essex the first purpose built carp farm.

1976 Martin Symonds catches a 45.12oz mirror carp from Fishers Green but claims it as 42.12oz. It is still the biggest mirror carp caught in the UK at that time.

1977 The carp farm was completed in Essex and the first fish produced in 1978.

1978 We buy Homersfield Lake, which Redlands Aggregate had finished digging in 1977.

1978-80 During this period we were breeding 100,000's of carp at our farm in Essex and with the then Thames Water Authority, these carp were stocked all over the Thames Valley region and also to other water authorities in the UK. It was one of the most prolific times for carp to be stocked around the country.



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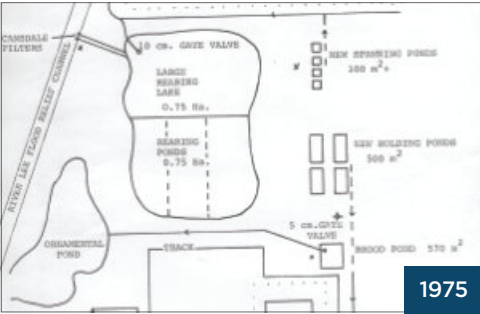
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BEST CARP WATER
by John Wilson
... AND A TOP TENCH FISHERY

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Waveney Valley Lakes - CARPology PAWNED AN INDUSTRY



1982

1980s

1978-1980 Waveney Valley Lakes - a complex that spawned an industry Waveney Valley Lakes continued its reputation for carp fishing becoming even more popular. Taken from CARPology magazine, the diagram to the left shows how influential the complex became for carp anglers back then.

1980 We take from our carp farm around 3,000 carp to stock into Homersfield Lake ranging from 4lbs to 35lbs.

1980-1981 We buy an over run property with another lake next to Waveney Valley Lakes and this is the start of the development of Yew Tree lake. Yew Tree lake is opened and new stock ponds are built on marsh land.

1981 Martin Symonds visits Japan for the first time, his first importation of koi accidentally includes small Magoi (common carp). This would lead to us cross breeding carp from Belgium and Magoi from Japan, developing our own bloodline of carp from then onwards.

1982 We hold the VERY FIRST carp teach in at Waveney Valley. Top anglers Lenny Middleton, Rod Hutchinson, Clive Diedrich, Malcolm Winkworth and Tim Paisley joined Martin Symonds with six competition winners from the Anglers Mail. Martin becomes the East Anglia regional organiser for the newly formed Carp Society.

1982 As a family we decide to sell Fishers Green in Essex, it was split into three lots and sold.

1984 Martin Symonds buys a run down trout farm called Tewin Mill near Welwyn in Hertfordshire, it would be developed into one of the UK's biggest water garden centres in the UK also a fish farm was built to grow on carp.

1985 The stock ponds at Yew Tree Lake were made into another lake called Marsh Lake.

1988 We decide to sell Waveney Valley Lakes after 26 years. We keep Yew Tree and Marsh lake and decide to put all our time in creating and making Homersfield Lake what it is today.

1989 Over the next 10 years Martin would have fish facilities in Europe, Israel, Hong Kong, China, USA, Malaysia and Japan.



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1990s

1990 We take on a warm water growing on facility in the north of England for growing ornamental fish and carp.

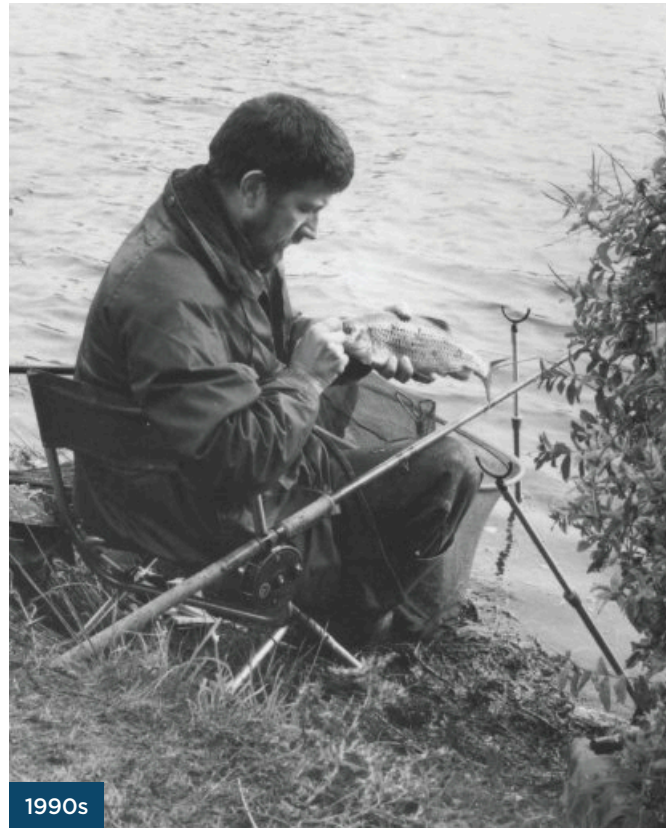
1990's Several of John Wilsons "Go Fishing" TV programs are filmed at Homersfield.

1991 We reopen Yew Tree Fisheries after stocking it with numerous 30lbs+ and 20lbs+ carp. Well known angler Andy Little catches a 40lbs+ winter carp from here.

1993 The official British Wels catfish record is caught at Homersfield (49lbs 12oz) before being disbanded due to illegal imports.

Mid 1990's Homersfield Lake produces its first 50lbs+ common carp.

1995-1999 Martin's centre in Herfordshire is the largest importer of Japanese koi in the UK.





Homersfield Lake in the 1990s



2000s



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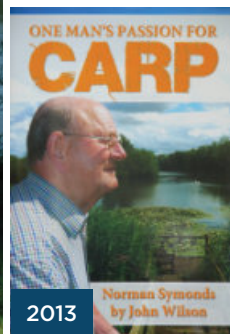
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2000 - 2019

2000 Martin sells Tewin Mill in Hertfordshire and moves to Japan to work with the koi breeders in Niigata for 10 years.

2004 We start putting in place the very first otter fencing around the whole complex at Homersfield Lake which was finally finished in 2005.

2006 We build a series of growing on ponds at Homersfield so we can grow on carp to continue to improve our bloodline and selection process of our carp.

2006 John Wilson films his carp fishing film here for the Discovery channel.

2010 The lake's first 50lbs+ mirror carp is caught at 51lbs 12oz

2012 We start Kingfisher Lodge for people to stay at the lake and fish.

2013 Norman Symonds biography "One Man's Passion for Carp" is published and written by John Wilson.

2014 Martin writes a series of articles for "Carpology" magazine.

2017 Specimen angler Phil Spinks makes angling history by catching SIX 3lbs+ roach at the lake in one session.

A 4lbs 3oz Roach was also caught by a member. Six different 4lbs+ roach have been caught here.

2018 We make a short promotional film with John Wilson and Phil Spinks about the lake. This sadly was the last time John was here before passing away later in the year in Thailand.

2019 Norman Symonds dies at the age of 94, leaving behind a huge legacy of his carp fisheries and carp farms he had created in the UK.

2019 We start our holiday home Five Islands House allowing families to stay at the lake.



2020 - 2024

2021 Started filming “The Lake” series of films following a year at the lake and how Phil Spinks fishes during the year. YouTube sensations Carl and Alex make a film here as do the guys from ‘From the Waters Edge’.

2021 This year started with me meeting up with my old friend Kevin Nash and was invited to do a NASH PODCAST.

2021 We have two charity matches.

2021 I finally got set up and cased a 4lbs 2oz roach that had sadly passed away during the winter of 2021, it looks stunning and I would presume it's the only roach over 4lbs that has been set up.

2021 We constantly are improving our holiday homes here and this year saw us add a hot tub and games room at Five Islands House for our guests to enjoy.

2022-23 I continued to have two charity match fishing events during the year, these were well attended and some great fish were weights were caught and several thousands pounds given for worthy charities that we support as a family.

2023 The lake continues to produce 50lb+ carp, 100lb+ catfish and 3lb+ roach and numerous other big fish. In November we had a winter 52lbs common caught.

2024 The year began with our regular guest to Kingfisher Lodge Russ Evans making two films on roach fishing at Homersfield.

2024 Fishing sessions with Phil Spinks. Many people who had a session with Phil achieved a PB while here.

2024 Great catches - it was another great year for so many PBs this season for members and guests staying at the lodge and house.

2024 In the spring three members had 50 carp between them in one 72 hours session.

2024 Phil Spinks continues to have exceptional catches. This included a 51lbs 8oz surface caught common and in one day session he had a triple take resulting in three double, then a brace of twenties and finally a brace of thirties ALL in one day session.

2024 We continue to make short promo films including underwater films which can be seen on our Facebook and Instagram. More films will be out in 2025.

2024 Ultimate rod race - Matt Hayes and Mick Brown came to film episode four of the upcoming new series out in 2025.

2024 I made a film in December showing one of our resident kingfishers catching fish and now it has had over 3,000,000 views.

2024 At the end of December Martin Bowler interviewed Phil Spinks here about his fishing life which includes his many big fish caught here including his six 3lbs+ roach in one session.

2024 We continue to grow a large number of carp on in our growing on ponds and are able to supply surplus carp, Wels catfish, bream and roach to other fisheries.

2024 I continue to work on my book called “Carp to Koi” which will cover the last 63 years of our family's history with carp fishing, carp farming and koi around the world.



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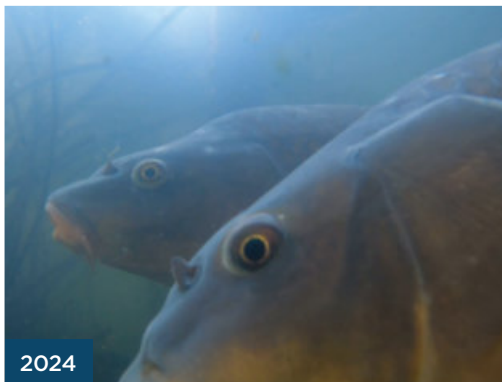
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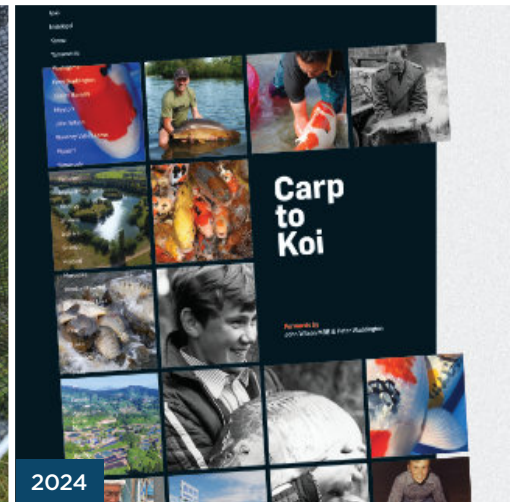
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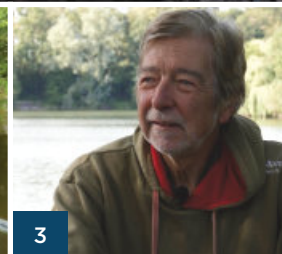
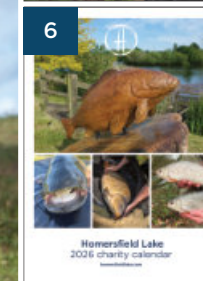
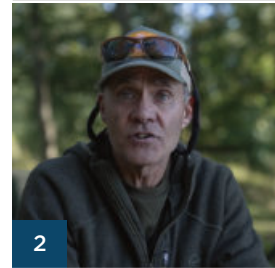


2024

2025

It's been another busy year here at the lake making new films for our YouTube channel.

1. In March we welcomed Kevin Brown of Notts Fishing TV who made three films of his roach fishing week here.
2. Matt Hayes and Mick Brown's 'Ultimate Rod Race' series could be watched with episode four being filmed here back in September 2024.
3. An interview with... I start a series of films here with some of the top angling personalities. This has included Phil Spinks, Bob Nudd, Martyn Page and Martin Bowler.
4. I also made a series of short films including a historic cine film we made at Waveney Valley in the 1960s and also a film of leading angling personalities talking about Homersfield Lake.
5. Another season of lots of fish being caught with carp up to 59lbs; roach up to nearly 4lbs and catfish over 130lbs.
6. For the first time we have created a 2026 calendar which will be on sale. All proceeds raised will go to our charities that we support.
7. Specimen angler Martin Bowler and cameraman Laurence Hanger came here in October to make a film for their 'fishflix.online' channel.



Coming in 2026

- More films including 'An Interview With...' series; 'Carp Fishing in 1981' and a documentary covering our history from 1962 to 2026.
- A special fishing charity event.
- And much more!



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Many anglers are also avid koi keepers and my passion for koi carp started at 14 years old when I started part time work at our friend's Water Garden Centre near Enfield. In 1981 I made my first trip to Japan to buy koi. Since then I have been supplying koi around the world. In 1984 I created Tewin Mill Fish Farm in Hertfordshire which became the biggest importer of koi into the UK in the

1990s. I also had fish farms in Europe, Israel, Hong Kong, China, USA and Malaysia.

In 2000 I decided to move to Japan and work with the koi breeders. I stayed there for over 10 years and started Japan Koi Export (japankoiexport.com) based in Ojiya, Niigata the birth place of koi. JKX became one of the largest suppliers of koi

around the world. Apart from bringing koi customers to Japan to buy their koi, I started in 2000 Koi Masterclass Tours. These tours brought people to Japan to learn about koi and to enjoy Japanese culture. In 2019 I started Koivision TV (koivision.tv) which is an online platform where people can watch films to learn about koi breeders and Japanese life.

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