

## **Grayling at Ilkley and The Grayling Society**

Quite possibly there has been a large population of grayling at Ilkley for at least the last 10,000 years. Local grayling legend Francis Walbran had prolific sport at Ilkley in the late-1800's and we still have big populations here now.

Grayling provide excellent sport at Ilkley from late-August right through to the end of the winter season on 14th March. During the autumn large shoals can be seen rising in many places on the Ilkley AA stretch and fly fishing is the best tactic - either dry fly or nymph. Then from December onwards trotting bait comes into its own with a weighted fly, fished along the river bed, also catching some fish.

At Ilkley AA, for just £36, we offer a half-season ticket that runs from mid-September to mid-March or you can buy day permits, either via this website or from local outlets.

**The Grayling Society** - see <https://www.graylingsociety.net/>

Ilkley AA has always been a great supporter of The Grayling Society and over the past thirty years a number of society events have been hosted in Ilkley. In October 2023 the society is holding its annual Symposium and AGM at the Craiglands Hotel and attendees will be fishing at Ilkley and at other locations along the River Wharfe and the River Aire.

Please support The Grayling Society by joining. As well as invitations to events, both local and further afield, you will receive superb magazines and newsletters and will have the chance to meet other keen grayling anglers - both fly anglers and trotters.