

Pike Anglers Club of Great Britain



Drop off indicators

Legering dead-baits without a float is probably the most popular method of pike fishing in the UK. To provide good bite detection it is best to use a drop-off indicator in conjunction with a fixed spool reel with its bale arm open.

It is essential that there is no room for upward movement of the indicator when set to register a run, and that the bobbin is heavy enough to drop back should a pike move towards the rod with the bait.

A line clip with adjustable tension allows for the bobbin to drop away from the line the instant a pike picks up the bait, and offers it minimum resistance, thereby reducing the chances of the pike

ejecting the bait before you can set the hooks. If you are using a braided mainline ensure that it is not gripped by the clip on the bobbin so that slack line takes will still be indicated.



There are a huge amount of suitable drop-off indicators available with or without built in audible alarms. Most of the top manufacturers (Fox, Gardner and Middy) sell a variety of suitable drop-off indicators.

However, you might prefer one of the 'Custom Built' alarms such as the one shown here from Billy's backbiters, which is available in a variety of colours and assorted options (even wireless!). Check out the alarms and assorted options [HERE](#).

