

**Airflo Streamtec Softshell**

£89.99

One chest pocket; two handwarmer pockets; two internal mesh pockets; adjustable cuffs and hem, microfleece lining.

CONTACT: [www.fishtec.co.uk](http://www.fishtec.co.uk); 0871-911-7002.



**Hardy EWS Soft Shell**

£89

One chest pocket; two handwarmer pockets; two internal pouches; adjustable hem; microfleece lining. In green or grey/black.

CONTACT: [www.hardyfishing.com](http://www.hardyfishing.com); 01665-602-771.



**G. Loomis Softshell**

£159.99

Two handwarmer pockets; one inner pocket; adjustable hem and cuffs; microfleece lining.

CONTACT: [www.gloomis.com](http://www.gloomis.com); 01386-425-824.

Weather or not

*Softshell jackets combine the roles of waterproof coat and breathable fleece – ideal for September sunshine and showers*

**Scierra Aquabond Soft Shell**

£79.99

Two chest pockets; two handwarmer pockets; two internal pouches; adjustable hem and cuffs; microfleece lining. In dark green or light olive.

CONTACT: [www.svendensen-sport.com](http://www.svendensen-sport.com); 02920-791-700.



**Guideline Soft Shell**

£112.99

Two handwarmer pockets; two internal pouches; fleece-lined collar; adjustable cuffs and hem, microfleece lining; stretchable design.

CONTACT: [www.guidelineflyfish.com](http://www.guidelineflyfish.com); 0780-2508-483.



**Wychwood Soft Shell Fleece**

£49.99

Two chest pockets; two handwarmer pockets; added wind resistance at front; adjustable hem; microfleece lining; lightweight design.

CONTACT: [www.wychwood-game.co.uk](http://www.wychwood-game.co.uk); 01527-587-401.

**What is a softshell?**

IT IS A cross between a breathable fleece and a waterproof jacket and is in its element in cool weather and light showers. Softshells offer water-resistance, wind-resistance and some breathability. The materials used vary markedly and you pay more for the technology offered by well-known proprietary brands such as Gore-Tex. Some have a

water-repellent coating. Some use fabrics with a tight, more weather-resistant weave.

Softshells are worn like a fleece and are more comfortable and less bulky than a waterproof jacket. Most are not as warm as a fleece but repel more water. Wear a base layer beneath one in cold weather. Or wear one as a warm layer beneath a waterproof coat.