



The newsletter contains information on recent work on some of our waters, an update on Leisure Lakes and sadly a reminder about littering.

The Newsletter is published on the SDAA website www.sdaa.org.uk, under the 'Latest fishing news section'.

Please also remember that any urgent information from the club is firstly posted onto the SDAA Facebook site, which currently has over 270 members. So, if you are not a member of the Facebook group now is the time to join! www.facebook.com/groups/687006915138531

Leisure Lakes update

SDAA entered into an agreement with the owners of Leisure Lakes in April 24 to manage the fishery on a trial basis, with the intention of establishing a long-term agreement. However, it has not been possible to reach such an agreement. Consequently, the club no longer has any involvement with Leisure Lakes.

Take Your Litter Home With You!!

This will be obvious to most members but please do not leave your litter on any of our waters.

We are receiving more complaints about littering on our waters. In a lot of cases the bailiffs end up dealing with this and it is not acceptable. Whilst in some cases it may not be anglers, particularly on more public access waters, evidence of discarded groundbait and deadbait wrappers, clumps of tangled line is evidence that some are not removing their litter with them.

Message the bailiff text number if you see evidence of littering. If possible, the club will look to act.

SDAA Planned Calendar of Events

Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 25	May 25	Jun 25	Jul 25
Section of trees on Sluice Match length pruned back Woodend some small carp removed on Alder	Willow on Woodend netted to remove small fish 5 platforms on Alder refurbished at Woodend	Woodend platform refurb Woodend Alder reed removal Put booms in place on Sluice	AGM 13 May Sluice platform refurb work Woodend Alder reed removal	Sluice platform refurb work Possible weed boat deployment on Sluice	Possible weed boat deployment on Sluice



Around the Waters

Woodend Farm Lakes

Following on from the pruning of the trees and bushes around both lakes there has been more work to improve Woodend.

In late Feb around 80kg of small carp were removed from Alder in line with our aims of controlling the number of carp in the lake.

The club has made a significant investment in a new net and last month it was used for netting on Willow and around 50kg of small fish, primarily small roach, were removed. Hopefully this will start to bring more of the larger fish into play. The lake will continue to be monitored and netted as needed.

On Alder 5 of the platforms have been refurbished, one of the platforms is shown below.



There is an issue with predation on Alder, possibly due to Otters. The committee is looking at options there are to minimise their impact and will then work with the owner.

Work is also being planned in to lower the water levels on Alder to dig out some of the reeds there. Following that there will be work to reduce the level of weed on Alder.

Reed removal will be an ongoing activity over the next few years on both lakes.



River Crossens / The Sluice

The trees between platforms 3 and 5 were cut back in early Feb. Further tree pruning will take place later in the year. Pics below show before and after the pruning.



Booms: Having introduced booms last year and learned several things, it has provided optimism that the issues with surface weed, during summer and early autumn, can be better managed. This year there will be more booms in place. This will help us manage the weed better and understand where the worst of the surface weed is coming from. These will start to go in in April.

Platforms: The focus in 2025 will be finishing off a couple of platforms on Water Lane and refurbishing some platforms on the match length, which will give us 20+ continuous platforms in the match length.

Matches: A big thanks to Stephen Ball who organised and ran two in March. There was a good turn out and in the second match there were plenty of double figure weights with over 20lb needed to win. Hopefully there will be more matches run when the new season starts.

Anglezarke Reservoir

Engineering work by United Utilities to perform maintenance work on the Heapy Dam wall, at the north end of the reservoir, started in December and will run until sometime in May 2025. This will mean a section of Moor road being closed to cars pedestrians during this time. There are diversions in place but bear in mind that there may be delays.



Jacksmere

The entrance to Jacksmere has been cleared of vegetation and the path around the lake is clear.



A working group to cut back new growth will be put together in late May / early June.

Bailiff needed for Rufford Canal. If interested contact secretary@sdaa.org.uk

The club control the fishing rights on the Rufford canal from below the Diamond Jubilee Road bridge (bridge 7) at Rufford to the boatyard at Tarleton (bridge 12). We need a bailiff to cover the canal.

The Bailiff will be provided with an identity card and lanyard and suitable club bailiff clothing.

The role of the bailiff would include,

- Patrolling the canal checking for pollution, invasive species, and other problems
- Checking members permits and asking non-members to leave.
- Deterring and stopping poaching, rubbish tipping and any other activity that prevents members from enjoying their fishing.
- Link with the clubs other bailiffs and committee to identify changes and improvements to be made

If you are interested in the role and would like to discuss it further then please contact the SDAA Secretary, secretary@sdaa.org.uk



If you see signs of Pollution

Report any suspected cases of pollution on our waters to the Environment Agency 0800 80 70 60. You will get an incident number.

Please also report this incident number to the SDAA secretary, secretary@sdaa.org.uk asap or text the bailiffs contact number on **0783 1355 530**.

If you see or suspect Poaching is taking place

If you see evidence of poaching or threatening behaviour occurring report this to the police. It is important to do this.

Southport 0151 709 6010 or 0151 777 3838

Ormskirk 01695 724101

Chorley 01257 269021

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