



The newsletter contains updates on membership cards, fees and changes to locks on our waters, plus some water updates.

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 260 members. So, if you are not a member of the Facebook group now is the time to join! www.facebook.com/groups/687006915138531

SDAA email membership card

Membership for 2026 opens from 1 December. This year the email acknowledgement you get will count as your membership card.

If you are asked to show your card, when fishing on one of our waters then you can either show the email on your mobile, show a screenshot of the email on your mobile or carry a printout of the email.

SDAA club membership pricing for 2026

Membership pricing for Seniors has been unchanged for 3 years and for OAPs and Disabled members it has been unchanged since before the pandemic. In the last couple of years, we have seen significant increases in water leasing costs, including this year when we have agreed new lease agreements for Woodend and the river Ribble. The club is also investing in improving our waters. In 2025 we have invested over £16,000 across Woodend, Jacksmere lake and the Sluice. In 2026 we expect to invest at least that amount (more details on that in the January newsletter).

From 2026 prices for Seniors, OAPs and Disabled members will increase by £5. Junior and non-fishing member pricing are unchanged, as are Guest passes. The night fishing syndicate on Upper Rivington will increase by £5.

SDAA Planned Calendar of Events

Nov 25	Dec 25	Jan 26	Feb 26	Mar 26	Apr 26
Peg clearance on Jacksmere	Membership applications & renewals for 2026 opens	Peg clearance on Jacksmere Reed removal in Woodend New locks on SDAA waters	Reed removal in Woodend Aerator replacement on Woodend	15 March season closes on rivers and drains	Booms put back on Sluice



Changes to locks on SDAA waters

The club will be changing the locks on all SDAA waters in the new year. We are moving to the use of combination locks, as opposed to keylocks. This will mean members won't need their existing key as we go into 2026. All members will receive an email about the new membership scheme, and this will also include the lock combination

Around the Waters

Jacksmere lake update

A programme of work to improve Jacksmere has started. Contractors have cleared the path all around the lake, including cutting back and removing trees. The entrance path, after the bridge, has also been widened as per a member request.

The next phase of work is to remove reeds in the water, in front of pegs and completely clear areas around pegs. We will test putting down matting to help check the weed growth underneath.

Going into next year there will be a regular maintenance plan, including working groups. The club is also looking at some stage to removing reeds around the island and removing silt that has built up.



Woodend

Work is being planned to remove reeds and weeds from around the platforms, starting in January, across both Alder and Willow lakes. Also a new aerator is to be put into Alder.

The club will also be working with the water owner to agree on what deterrents can be implemented across the lakes to deter predation from birds and mammals.

Following on from this there will be work to replace platforms.



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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