



The newsletter contains updates on plans for the year, membership cards, a Pike rules reminder, new locks and some water updates.

The Newsletter is published on the 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 280 members. So, if you are not a member of the Facebook group now is the time to join! www.facebook.com/groups/687006915138531

SDAA Aims and what it means for members in 2026

Below is a summary of the clubs plans for 2026, plus an update on things we did for members in 2025.

The aim of the association is to promote the sport of angling on our waters for the benefit of our members.

The club's Committee is looking to deliver this by focusing on three main areas.

1. Ensuring Top **Quality** Waters suitable for our members.
Having waters that offer good quality fishing, are well maintained and bailiffed.
2. Improve **Engagement** with members.
Making it easier for members to engage with the club and ensuring members are well informed about our association, rules, waters and how best to access them.
3. Improving **Ease** of access, where appropriate across our waters
Supporting members, particularly those with disability/mobility challenges, by making it easier to get to and then comfortably and safely fish on our waters.

What did we do in 2025?

- Restarted Match fishing on the Sluice (match record broken with over 148lb winning net in August)
- Booms working on Sluice reducing surface weed issues. Now have 40 pegs available on Match length.
- Jacksmere lake – constructors cleared brush and cut back trees to improve access.
- Invested in new kit: brush cutters, lawn mower etc to support increased maintenance across our waters
- Woodend Alder lake – Platform refurbishment work started.

What are some of the things we are planning to do in 2026?

- New signage being introduced across the clubs' waters. This includes giving more clarity on where you can / cannot fish on Anglezarke and Upper Rivington
- Woodend lakes – work to reduce weeds and reeds is starting. Peg refurbishment to continue
- Jacksmere lake – More pegs to be cleared
- Reviewing Ribble sections to see what can be done, within the limitations of the leases and access issues
- Moving to combination locks on our waters.
- Working to increase the number of bailiffs across our waters.
- Plan to introduce new platforms to the left of the bridge on the Sluice match length.



SDAA Planned Calendar of Events

Feb 26	Mar 26	Apr 26	May 26	Jun 26	Jul 26
Peg clearance on Jacksmere New combo locks on SDAA waters	15 March season closes on rivers and drains Reed removal in Woodend	Peg clearance on Jacksmere Reed removal in Woodend Booms on Sluice	AGM	16 June rivers and Drains season opens	

Changes to locks on SDAA waters

The club is currently introducing combination locks on all SDAA waters. The code has been posted on the clubs Facebook page and the membership email received on joining / rejoining has been modified recently to add the code on there. All members will receive an email to confirm the code.

A reminder: Pike Fishing Rules on the clubs' waters

The clubs Pike rules are listed on the club website under the About Us section. Anyone Pike fishing needs to be familiar with the rules to ensure that pike caught are looked after and preserved for other to hopefully catch!

Whilst not listing all the rules in this newsletter article there are a few worth calling out due to issues reported over the past few months. These include people pike fishing with inappropriate gear, fishing across multiple swims and lacking basic kit to safely unhook a pike.

Link to Pike rules.

<https://www.sdaa.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/SDAA-Pik-Rules-2024-v1.pdf>

- A maximum of three rods may be used. Rods must be no more than three metres apart, measured from the butt sections.
- No baited rods are to be left unattended. This means you cannot use two swims whilst sharing a shelter/bivvy in one of the swims.
- The minimum breaking strain of reel line must be 15lbs for mono and 30lbs when using braid.
- Wire traces must always be used with a minimum length of 15 inches / 38cm.
- A maximum of 2 trebles or 2 doubles are permitted on any one trace.
- A minimum of one method of bite indication to be used
- Anglers must carry a minimum of long nosed forceps/pliers, side cutters and a suitable unhooking mat.



Latest Match Results: River Crossens / The Sluice

The Sluice has been fishing quite well over the winter period. Recent match results below. More details about the matches are on the club Facebook page.

Date	No. fished	Winning weight	Winning Angler
Saturday 17 Jan 26	11	11lb, 7oz	R Flude
Saturday 31 Jan 26	24	10lb, 0oz	R Flude

Around the Waters

River Crossens / The Sluice

The placement of booms had a very positive effect this season. It has been possible to fish stretches of it all through the summer through the booms 'managing' the surface weed coverage. The booms will be back in place late March or early April, with the learnings from the last couple of years being applied to improve things further.

There will be work to cut back some of the trees that have branches in the water, again to help with reducing surface weed problems.

Platform refurbishment on damaged ones will continue. Also new platforms to the left of the bridge on the match length are to be put in place. The aim is to have this done for the June 16 start of the season.

Woodend

Work to remove reeds and weeds from around the platforms, across both Alder and Willow lakes will be starting soon. Later in the year the reeds will also be sprayed.

A new aerator is ready to be put into Alder.

The club is 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 platform refurbishment will continue.



Jacksmere

Following on from the work of the contractors, at the back end of last year, to clear the path and cut back and remove some trees, the next stage of the improvement work will begin shortly. This 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.

Later in the year the club is looking to remove reeds around the island and consider how to remove silt that has built up.

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

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

Please also report this incident number to the SDAA secretary, secretary@sdaa.org.uk asap