

MATCH SURVEY REPORT 2022/23

1 OVERVIEW

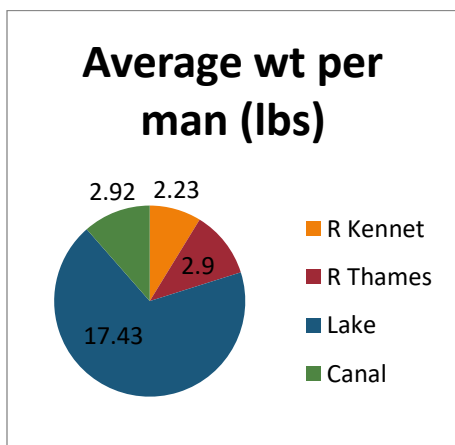
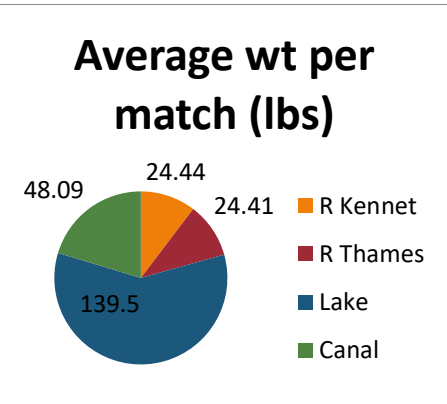
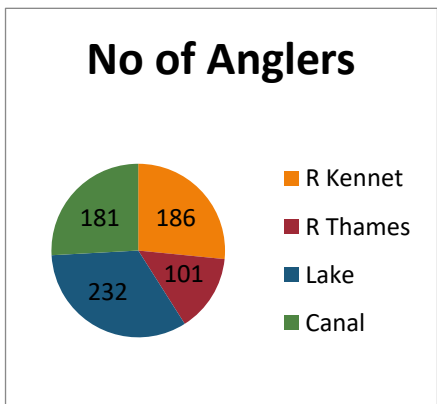
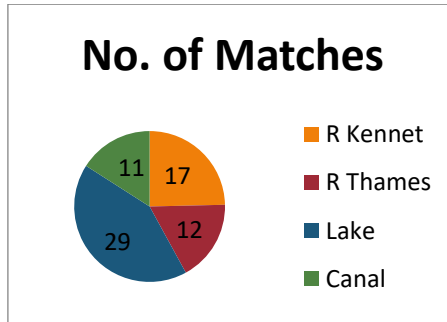
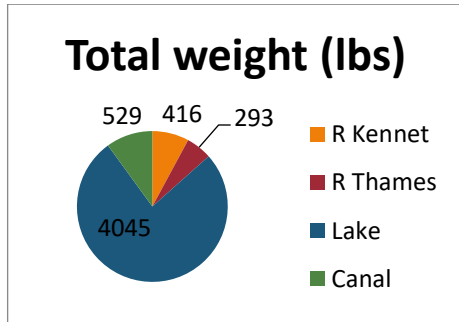
The overall weight caught was 5282lbs 14oz – best total since 2011 – however, this was not unexpected given the success of Willmott Pool with its commercial type of angling. That venue has contributed greatly to the total. The number of matches held was down by three on 2021/22 season at 69 but would have been higher as many matches were lost during July due to low oxygen levels and in December and January due to icy conditions. The river Kennet improved compared to last season, but many river Thames matches fell foul of the weather during November and December and as a result weights were down. One match did take place at Whistley Mill on the River Loddon, but this match proved to be fishless between four anglers and so has been ignored in all the average statistics.

Table 1 – Year on year comparison all reports - Note RDAA matches included (excluded before 2011)

Year	Total fishing	Anglers per match	Total weight (lbs)	Average wt per match (lbs)	Average wt per man (lbs)
2006	1152	9.6	4051	33.7	3.51
2007	1300	8.7	3642	24.3	2.8
2008	1163	9.2	2884	22.9	2.48
2009	1253	9.28	2581	19.1	2.05
2010	1564	10.2	4583	29.4	2.87
2011	1921	11.78	5303	32.5	2.77
2012	1513	13.5	3428	30.6	2.26
2013	1628	13.91	3768	32.2	2.31
2014	1675	12.22	4105	29.9	2.45
2015	1607	11.47	5017	35.8	3.12
2016	1303	10.68	3710	30.4	2.84
2017	1052	11.56	2867	31.5	2.72
2018	878	10.97	2889	36.1	3.29
2019	1042	13.02	2862	35.7	2.74
2020	519	14.83	1404	40.1	2.71
2021	859	11.93	3304	45.9	3.84
2022	700	10.14	5283	76.5	7.54

2. BREAKDOWN BY TYPE OF VENUE

River Kennet total weight was up, but River Thames weight was down, as was canal weight. Willmott Pool has contributed significantly to the overall total and consequently total weight on lakes rose considerably.



3.RIVER KENNET

The number of matches held did not change on previous season, but the numbers participating were significantly down, which is worrying. There were 8 RDAA matches and 9 for affiliated clubs. RDAA matches contributed 309lbs (74%) to the total weight, amounting to 38.6lbs per match, and divided between 136 (73%) of anglers at 2.27lbs per angler. Affiliated clubs didn't fare as well with 107lbs between 50 anglers at 11.88lbs per match and 2.14lbs per man. After a poor start the Kennet fished better after July with the Beats finding some form. The best winning weight was 9lbs 5oz at Beat 5 on the October RDAA match.

River Kennet year on year comparison

Year	No of matches	No of anglers	Average anglers per match	Total weight (lbs)	Average weight per match (lbs)	Average weight per angler (lbs)
2016	43	513	11.93	876	20.37	1.7
2017	27	405	15	1049	38.85	2.59
2018	19	258	13.57	719	37.84	2.78
2019	27	392	14.51	1053	39	2.68
2020	14	258	18.42	444	31.73	1.72
2021	17	247	14.52	379	22.28	1.53
2022	17	186	10.94	416	24.44	2.23

Venue breakdowns below.

BEAT 3				
Date	Club	Win Weight	Total Weight	No. Fishing
18/09/2022	Reading FC	3-01-0	9-06-0	4
29/11/2022	Tuesday Club	0-02-0	0-02-0	7
TOTALS	2	3-01-0	9-08-0	11

BEAT 4				
Date	Club	Win Weight	Total Weight	No. Fishing
03/07/2022	RDAA	3-07-0	8-08-4	10
07/08/2022	RDAA	4-10-0	17-15-0	7
21/08/2022	Prestcold	6-15-0	25-04-0	6
04/09/2022	RDAA	6-15-0	40-07-0	10
02/10/2022	RDAA	5-12-0	28-01-0	14
06/11/2022	RDAA	3-06-0	11-01-8	11
TOTALS	6	6-15-0	131-05-12	58

BEAT 5				
Date	Club	Win Weight	Total Weight	No. Fishing
19/06/2022	TRBLS	1-05-0	2-06-8	6
03/07/2022	RDAA	2-03-0	7-07-0	15
07/08/2022	RDAA	5-11-0	42-01-8	16
04/09/2022	RDAA	8-00-0	43-13-0	9
18/09/2022	Prestcold	5-07-0	14-09-0	4
02/10/2022	RDAA	9-05-0	49-01-0	14
06/11/2022	RDAA	3-13-0	21-09-0	12
TOTALS	7	9-05-0	180-15-0	76

CALCOT				
Date	Club	Win Weight	Total Weight	No. Fishing
14/08/2022	Reading FC	5-10-0	18-00-0	5
TOTALS	1	5-10-0	18-00-0	5

LOWER BENYONS				
Date	Club	Win Weight	Total Weight	No. Fishing
26/06/2022	RDAA	2-01-0	2-05-0	8
31/07/2022	RDAA	6-10-0	18-03-0	6
28/08/2022	RDAA	5-09-0	18-07-0	4
TOTALS	3	6-10-0	38-15-0	18

THEALE RIVER				
Date	Club	Win Weight	Total Weight	No. Fishing
10/07/2022	Prestcold	4-03-0	10-08-0	7
16/10/2022	Sundial	2-06-0	8-03-0	4
TOTALS	2	4-03-0	18-11-0	11

UFTON RIVER				
Date	Club	Win Weight	Total Weight	No. Fishing
23/10/2022	TRBLAS	4-01-0	18-08-0	7
TOTALS	1	4-01-0	18-08-0	7

4. RIVER THAMES

The weather during November and December rendered the river unfishable due to high water. Therefore, the number of matches reduced considerably compared to last season and averages were down as a result. 12 matches took place, eight at Wallingford, two each at Sonning and. Overall results were disappointing. Wallingford contributed most weight, as expected, but Sonning fished very poorly. Northmoor fished well in November, but the March result is best forgotten on what an inclement day. However, it looks like a better venue than Sonning for the future. The loss of Mapledurham has also had an impact on weight. The best winning weight was 17lbs 2oz at Wallingford on a TRBLAS match in October.

River Thames year on year comparison

Year	No of matches	No of anglers	Average anglers per match	Total weight (lbs)	Average weight per match (lbs)	Average weight per angler (lbs)
2016	34	262	7.7	1237	36.38	4.72
2017	26	181	6.96	705	27.11	3.89
2018	29	244	7.37	871	30.03	4.07
2019	14	124	8.85	366	26.11	2.94
2020	10	93	9.3	383	38.34	4.12
2021	18	176	9.77	563	31.26	3.19
2022	12	101	8.41	293	24.41	2.9

Venue breakdowns below

NORTHMOOR				
Date	Club	Win Weight	Total Weight	No. Fishing
13/11/2022	Prestcold	8-12-0	25-08-0	9
12/03/2023	Prestcold	0-07-0	0-08-0	6
TOTALS	2	8-12-0	26-00-0	15

SONNING RIVER				
Date	Club	Win Weight	Total Weight	No. Fishing
02/10/2022	Newtown	4-03-0	12-14-0	11
16/10/2022	Newtown	0-08-0	1-10-0	13
TOTALS	2	4-03-0	14-08-0	24

WALLINGFORD				
Date	Club	Win Weight	Total Weight	No. Fishing
19/06/2022	Prestcold	6-14-0	29-12-0	8
11/09/2022	Sundial	10-04-0	26-04-0	4
18/09/2022	Newtown	8-06-0	37-14-12	12
09/10/2022	TRBLAS	17-02-0	47-00-0	5
16/10/2022	Prestcold	9-08-0	32-05-0	8
30/10/2022	RDAA	13-12-0	65-07-0	10
12/02/2023	TRBLAS	0-11-8	1-05-8	10
13/03/2023	TRBLAS	10-02-0	12-08-0	5
TOTALS	8	17-02-0	252-08-4	62

5.KENNET & AVON CANAL

Early in the year Froxfield had a blue algae outbreak and the fishing in the close season proved tough. Many of the December matches were lost to icy weather and so the number of matches held was down. Those that did take place after November proved to be excellent. There were 11 matches with ten held at Froxfield and one at Theale Canal. Padworth and other venues have not fished well in recent seasons hence why there was no action on those venues. Froxfield, however, did not disappoint and there were some outstanding results with the best winning weight of 17lbs 2oz coming from there on the December RDAA match.

Canal year on year comparison

Year	No of matches	No of anglers	Average anglers per match	Total weight (lbs)	Average weight per match (lbs)	Average weight per angler (lbs)
2016	31	411	13.25	1064	34.31	2.58
2017	27	377	13.96	812	30.07	2.15
2018	24	329	13.7	934	38.93	2.84
2019	28	435	15.53	1216	43.41	2.79
2020	6	110	18.33	345	57.46	3.13
2021	16	252	15.75	710	44.4	2.81
2022	11	181	16.45	529	48.08	2.92

Venue breakdowns below

FROXFIELD				
Date	Club	Win Weight	Total Weight	No. Fishing
27/03/2022	Newtown	0-15-0	0-15-0	12
01/05/2022	Reading FC	4-12-0	13-11-0	4
12/06/2022	Reading Civil Service	4-09-0	17-10-0	5
20/11/2022	Newtown	5-11-0	23-11-0	12
04/12/2022	RDAA	17-02-0	100-09-0	30
30/12/2022	RDAA	8-04-0	76-07-0	29
08/01/2023	RDAA	10-15-0	98-11-0	24
05/02/2023	RDAA	11-01-0	91-04-0	25
19/02/2023	Prestcold	10-09-0	25-08-0	7
05/03/2023	RDAA	11-05-0	70-04-8	28
TOTALS	10	17-02-0	518-10-8	176

THEALE CANAL				
Date	Club	Win Weight	Total Weight	No. Fishing
25/10/2022	Tuesday Club	5-02-0	10-04-0	5
TOTALS	1	5-02-0	10-04-0	5

6.LAKES

The success of Willmott Pool can be measured by the full season of matches held there. Many of the matches there were held midweek by the veterans calling themselves The Tuesday Club and these guys know how best to fish the venue. Being small it is restricted by the numbers fishing but nevertheless it has proved to be outstanding with 25 matches delivering nearly 3878lbs. By contrast the other lakes did manage to contribute a mere 167lbs! It comes as no surprise that the best winning weight came from Willmott Pool on a Tuesday Club match in August with 103lbs.

Lakes year on year comparison

Year	No of matches	No of anglers	Average anglers per match	Total weight (lbs)	Average weight per match (lbs)	Average weight per angler (lbs)
2016	14	117	8.35	533	38.07	4.55
2017	11	89	8.09	309	28.09	3.47
2018	6	65	10.83	363	60.56	5.59
2019	11	91	8.27	228	20.75	2.5
2020	5	58	11.6	232	46.32	3.99
2021	21	184	8.76	1652	78.68	8.98
2022	29	232	8	4045	139.5	17.43

Venue breakdowns below

BROWN-LEE POOL				
Date	Club	Win Weight	Total Weight	No. Fishing
19/06/2022	Newtown	5-12-0	14-03-8	12
26/06/2022	Sundial	14-04-0	28-00-0	7
01/11/2022	Tuesday Club	17-10-0	36-02-0	6
TOTALS	2	17-10-0	78-05-8	25

CALLOW POOL				
Date	Club	Win Weight	Total Weight	No. Fishing
27/06/2021	Sundial	4-12-0	6-03-8	7
TOTALS	1	4-12-0	6-03-8	7

LONGWATER LAKE				
Date	Club	Win Weight	Total Weight	No. Fishing
10/07/2022	Newtown	7-05-0	39-09-0	14
TOTALS	1	7-05-0	39-09-0	14

WILLMOTT POOL				
Date	Club	Win Weight	Total Weight	No. Fishing
03/04/2022	Reading FC	61-08-0	171-04-0	7
22/05/2022	Reading FC	61-08-0	319-00-0	11
29/05/2022	Reading Civil Service	59-00-0	155-10-0	10
03/07/2022	Newtown	30-14-0	94-00-0	12
10/07/2022	Sundial	22-00-0	63-00-0	5
02/08/2022	Tuesday Club	103-00-0	342-00-0	6
09/08/2022	Tuesday Club	32-00-0	105-00-0	6
11/09/2022	Reading FC	76-00-0	387-00-0	10
18/10/2022	Tuesday Club	51-00-0	172-00-0	6
14/11/2022	Tuesday Club	57-08-0	217-08-0	5
22/11/2022	Tuesday Club	21-10-0	75-00-0	6
13/12/2022	Tuesday Club	47-12-0	226-00-0	8
21/12/2022	Tuesday Club	76-00-0	160-00-0	8
29/12/2022	Tuesday Club	40-06-0	178-00-0	11
10/01/2023	Tuesday Club	41-08-0	106-12-0	5
21/01/2023	Tuesday Club	31-08-0	94-00-0	7
28/01/2023	Tuesday Club	17-08-0	88-00-0	11
31/01/2023	Tuesday Club	49-00-0	131-00-0	9
07/02/2023	Tuesday Club	40-00-0	112-00-0	10
14/02/2023	Tuesday Club	30-08-0	96-00-0	7
21/02/2023	Tuesday Club	54-00-0	149-00-0	6
28/02/2023	Tuesday Club	56-08-0	128-00-0	11
05/03/2023	Sundial	6-15-0	10-07-0	4
07/03/2023	Tuesday Club	46-00-0	78-00-0	4
14/03/2023	Tuesday Club	73-00-0	219-00-0	8
TOTALS	25	103-00-0	3877-09-0	193

7. CLUBS

Club reports are listed below: -

NEWTOWN				
Date	Venue	Win Weight	Total Weight	No. Fishing
27/03/2022	Froxfield	0-15-0	0-15-0	12
19/06/2022	Brown-Lee Pool	5-12-0	14-03-8	12
03/07/2022	Willmott Pool	30-14-0	94-00-0	12
07/08/2022	Longwater Lake	7-05-0	39-09-0	14
18/09/2022	Wallingford	8-06-0	37-14-12	12
02/10/2022	Sonning River	4-03-0	12-14-0	11
16/10/2022	Sonning River	0-08-0	1-10-0	13
20/11/2022	Froxfield	5-11-0	23-11-0	12
TOTALS	8	30-14-0	224-13-4	98

PRESTCOLD				
Date	Venue	Win Weight	Total Weight	No. Fishing
19/06/2022	Wallingford	6-14-0	29-12-0	8
10/07/2022	Theale River	4-03-0	10-08-0	7
21/08/2022	Beat 4	6-15-0	25-04-0	6
18/09/2022	Beat 5	5-07-0	14-09-0	4
16/10/2022	Wallingford	9-08-0	32-05-0	8
13/11/2022	Northmoor	8-12-0	25-08-0	9
19/02/2023	Froxfield	10-09-0	25-08-0	7
12/03/2023	Northmoor	0-07-0	0-08-0	6
TOTALS	8	10-09-0	163-14-0	55

READING FC				
Date	Venue	Win Weight	Total Weight	No. Fishing
03/04/2022	Willmott Pool	61-08-0	171-04-0	7
01/05/2022	Froxfield	4-12-0	13-11-0	4
22/05/2022	Willmott Pool	61-08-0	319-00-0	11
14/08/2022	Calcot	5-10-0	18-00-0	5
11/09/2022	Willmott Pool	76-00-0	387-00-0	10
18/09/2022	Beat 3	3-01-0	9-06-0	4
TOTALS	6	76-00-0	918-05-0	41

RDA & OPEN MATCHES				
Date	Venue	Win Weight	Total Weight	No. Fishing
26/06/2022	Lower Benyons	2-01-0	2-05-0	8
03/07/2022	Beat 4/5	3-07-0	15-09-4	25
31/07/2022	Lower Benyons	6-10-0	18-03-0	6
07/08/2022	Beat 4/5	5-11-0	60-00-8	23
28/08/2022	Lower Benyons	5-09-0	18-07-0	4
04/09/2022	Beat 4/5	8-00-0	84-04-0	19
02/10/2022	Beat 4/5	9-05-0	77-02-8	28
30/10/2022	Wallingford	13-12-0	65-07-0	10
06/11/2022	Beat 4/5	3-13-0	32-10-8	23
04/12/2022	Froxfield	17-02-0	100-09-0	30
30/12/2022	Froxfield	8-04-0	76-07-0	29
08/01/2023	Froxfield	10-15-0	98-11-0	24
05/02/2023	Froxfield	11-01-0	91-04-0	25
05/03/2023	Froxfield	11-05-0	70-04-8	28
TOTALS	14	17-02-0	811-04-4	282

READING CIVIL SERVICE				
Date	Venue	Win Weight	Total Weight	No. Fishing
29/05/2022	Willmott Pool	59-00-0	155-10-0	10
12/06/2022	Froxfield	4-09-0	17-10-0	5
TOTALS	2	59-00-0	173-04-0	15

SUNDIAL				
Date	Venue	Win Weight	Total Weight	No. Fishing
26/06/2022	Brown-Lee Pool	14-04-0	28-00-0	7
10/07/2022	Willmott Pool	22-00-0	63-00-0	5
14/08/2022	Whistley Mill River	0-00-0	0-00-0	4
11/09/2022	Wallingford	10-04-0	26-04-0	4
16/10/2022	Theale River	2-06-0	8-03-0	4
05/03/2023	Willmott Pool	6-15-0	10-07-0	4
TOTALS	6	22-00-0	135-14-0	28

TILEHURST BRITISH LEGION				
Date	Venue	Win Weight	Total Weight	No. Fishing
19/06/2022	Beat 5	1-05-0	2-06-8	6
09/10/2022	Wallingford	17-02-0	47-00-0	5
23/10/2022	Ufton	4-01-0	18-08-0	7
12/02/2023	Wallingford	0-11-8	1-05-8	10
12/03/2023	Wallingford	10-02-0	12-08-0	5
TOTALS	3	17-02-0	81-12-0	33

TUESDAY CLUB				
Date	Venue	Win Weight	Total Weight	No. Fishing
02/08/2022	Willmott Pool	103-00-0	342-00-0	6
09/08/2022	Willmott Pool	32-00-0	105-00-0	6
18/10/2022	Willmott Pool	51-00-0	172-00-0	6
25/10/2022	Theale Canal	5-02-0	10-04-0	5
01/11/2022	Brown-Lee Pool	17-10-0	36-02-0	6
14/11/2022	Willmott Pool	57-08-0	217-08-0	5
22/11/2022	Willmott Pool	21-10-0	75-00-0	6
29/11/2022	Beat 3A	0-02-0	0-02-0	7
13/12/2022	Willmott Pool	47-12-0	226-00-0	8
21/12/2022	Willmott Pool	76-00-0	160-00-0	8
29/12/2022	Willmott Pool	40-06-0	178-00-0	11
10/01/2023	Willmott Pool	41-08-0	106-12-0	5
21/01/2023	Willmott Pool	31-08-0	94-00-0	7
28/01/2023	Willmott Pool	17-08-0	88-00-0	11
31/01/2023	Willmott Pool	49-00-0	131-00-0	9
07/02/2023	Willmott Pool	40-00-0	112-00-0	10
14/02/2023	Willmott Pool	30-08-0	96-00-0	7
21/02/2023	Willmott Pool	54-00-0	149-00-0	6
28/02/2023	Willmott Pool	56-08-0	128-00-0	11
07/03/2023	Willmott Pool	46-00-0	78-00-0	4
14/03/2023	Willmott Pool	73-00-0	219-00-0	8
TOTALS	21	103-00-0	2446-12-0	152