

R&DAA

INFORMATION SHEET

NOVEMBER 2021

GENERAL SECRETARYS REPORT

PERMIT SALES AND FUTURE

Our permit sales are looking encouraging, although not as high as last season they are up on the 2019-20 season

New members this season are 238 Senior & 106 OAP/RDP

No real update on the new permit issue but we are still progressing some if not all permits to be issued electronically. It could be that we issue the 24 hour members with this type of permit first and see how we go. We will make a decision on how far we go with this very soon.

AGM

We are proposing that we use the Zoom facility to hold our AGM in March 2022. This is also a Rule Change meeting (every three years) so information will be going out shortly.

WYLIES LAKE

The old bowling alley is now closed and gone into administration but we still have access and parking. The temporary gate has a combination lock so please remember to keep the gate locked.

NEW VENUES

We are still actively looking for new venues especially lake sites. It appears Covid has left a lot of companies especially land and estate agents with massive backlogs. I have been waiting for nearly a year for an appointment to view one of this type of venue.

FISHERIES OFFICER REPORT

The last few months have been, as is usual at this time of year, fairly quiet.

Some of the more notable occurrences have been ...

The police training day we hosted, which went extremely well and special thanks must go out to Jim, obviously (as I was away), Eddie Hampton, Andy Dodd, Mick Carwardine and Piers.

We've now completed the pathways around Flint and Englefield lagoon for this year, we will resume the upgrading of our pathways next spring.

The vegetation at Pingewood Lagoon has seen an extra ordinary growth spurt this year so, we have given this a pretty hard hit with the strimmers.

We pulled a few problem trees out of Lower Benyons. There are a few more that we'd like to do, however the landowner isn't the easiest person to get hold of.

We've met with the bird group that own a piece of the upstream end of the Loddon at Whistley. This was to formulate a plan for some bankside work they wish to carry out. I have offered our services for a couple of days, as a good will gesture.

Going forwards, we will be starting work on the otter fencing at Wylies in the coming month, this work will take priority over the winter.