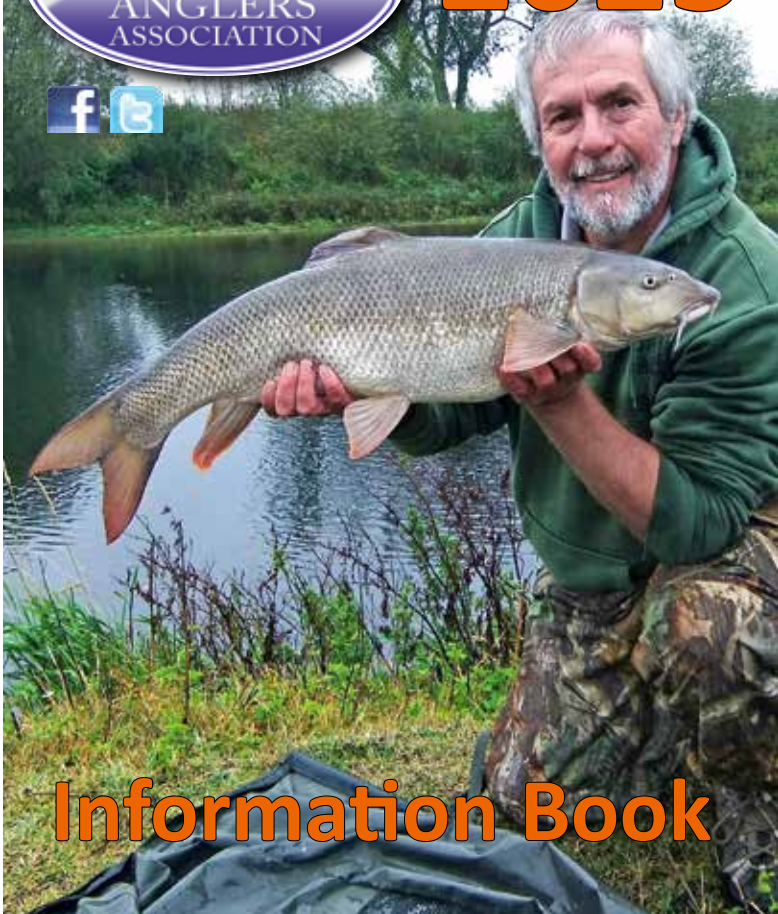




2025



Information Book

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2025 Annual General Meeting of the Hull & District Anglers' Association will be held on Monday, 13th October 2025 at the Willows Club, Holderness Road, Hull, HU8 9AN. The meeting will begin at 8pm.

All members of the Association are entitled to attend and vote on any issues raised.

Members wishing to vote may be asked to produce their current Membership Permit. Propositions for rule changes must be received in writing by the 8th September 2025 meeting at the latest. These can be posted to the Secretary at PO Box 188, Hull, HU9 1AN, or may be handed in at any delegates meeting or given to a delegate (see page 6 for details).

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY INCIDENT HOTLINE

In the event of pollution to water or land, illegal fishing, numbers of dead fish or fish in distress, please immediately ring this 24-hour manned telephone, explain the issue and ask the person to provide a case number:

0800 80 70 60

For administrative purposes only we hold your details on our computer database. We do not use them for any other purpose nor do we supply those details to third parties. This allows us to contact you with our newsletters, annual membership renewal or any other relevant matters. It is important that our records are correct.

Front cover: Famous angler Brian Skoyles with a large Carlton barbel

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WELCOME TO HULL & DISTRICT AA - DEREK PYE

The structure we have developed over the last decade continues to deliver growth and improvement across all areas. Years of delivering a comprehensive coaching programme with free events has brought thousands of young people and families to angling, with many joining the Association.

Sustained membership growth has increased revenue, allowing the Association to make record investments in improving venues, increasing stock levels and defending our still waters against predation.

An army of volunteers giving up their fishing and family time ensures Association fisheries are well maintained and secure. More members are involved in running the organisation, with responsibilities shared across the most capable, means the Association is now run by those doing the work.

Sadly, last year, we lost two of those hard-working volunteers. Rob Stow was the bailiff at Windmill Pond for as long as anyone can remember. His friendly and helpful manner ensured members regularly fishing the venue soon became his friends. In 2016, the Association recognised Rob's dedication with its highest award of Life Membership.

We also lost Kev Wright, one of our committed angling coaches. Kev had such a positive impact on our sessions. His warmth and expertise brought a natural rapport with young people, ensuring many of those he coached became regular anglers.

The lifeblood of the Association is its volunteers, and these two will be sadly missed by all. We are currently considering how to properly honour their contribution.

The work continues – thanks for your support.

Good luck and good health to you and yours in 2025.



FISHERY RULES

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT MEMBERS FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THESE RULES

1. No fish to be killed – all fish (including pike) must be returned. Removing or deliberately killing fish is a criminal offence under the Theft Act. The Association reports all such offences to the Police and if necessary to guarantee such cases are brought before the Court will instigate a private prosecution.
2. No fish to be transferred to, or from, other waters (this includes livebaits for pedator fishing). It is an offence under the Salmon & Freshwater Fisheries Act to introduce fish without the necessary permission.
3. No litter of any description, including discarded tackle, is to be left. Any angler caught deliberately leaving litter will face a lifetime ban.
4. No angler may fish with more than 3 rods at any one time on any Association fishery. Fishing is only allowed from designated swims. Tackle must not be left in the water unattended.
5. No keepnets are to be used on any of the Association's still-water fisheries other than in official matches. We also do not advocate putting barbel in keepnets.
6. No guns of any description to be brought onto Association fisheries. Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times. All dog faeces (dog poo) must be cleaned up immediately. Dogs must not be allowed to disturb other members.
7. No angling is permitted on any Association fishery between the hours of 10pm and 5am (Carlton on Trent is 10pm to 7am), except where the member is in possession of a night fishing permit. Members (other than Association bailiffs) who do not possess a night fishing permit and are found on any Association fishery during the hours stated (whether they are actually fishing or not) shall be liable to have their membership permit revoked, and shall face possible prosecution for trespass.
8. No fires, swimming or boating. Behave responsibly and respect other anglers using the fisheries. Do not damage any trees or bushes, and do not interfere with the wildlife. The Association takes its responsibility for protecting the environment very seriously and members are expected to conduct themselves with this in mind.

9. Follow the Country Code. Keep all gates closed. Park in such a manner that problems are not caused to other anglers, landowners, farmers or members of the public. The Officers reserve the right to sanction the towing away, or clamping, of vehicles parked in an irresponsible manner. The Officers disclaim any liability for damage caused by such action and membership signifies acceptance of these conditions.
10. Children under 14 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
11. Any person found to be negotiating for waters held by the Association shall forfeit the right of membership for life.
12. Carp & Pike Rules: **Fishing for pike is only allowed between the 1st October and 31st March.** Members fishing for carp or pike must be in possession of a landing net with arms not less than 36 inches (90cm) in length and a well-padded unhooking mat measuring not less than 36" x 24" (90cm x 60cm). No gaffs or pike gags are allowed. Carp or Pike should only be weighed using a commercially available sling designed for the purpose and of appropriate size and strength. The use of keepsacks (carp sacks) and/or retaining tubes is not allowed on any Association fishery. The minimum breaking strength of line whilst carp fishing is 12lb (5.4kg). When pike fishing wire traces must always be used, they must be a minimum of 18 inches in length and not less than 30lb (13.6kg) B.S. and the main line must not be less than 15lb (6.8kg) B.S. If treble hooks are used with livebaits or deadbaits, they must be of the semi-barbed type (one barb per treble) and not larger than size 6. Livebaits must only be used on the venue they have been caught from and on the day of capture. To prevent deep hooking members are expected to strike runs from pike immediately. Any member found leaving pike to run on the take shall be liable to have their membership permit revoked.
13. Fishing for any species with spinners, dropshot or lures is only allowed between the **1st October and 31st March.**
14. Bait Boats: Remote controlled bait boats must not be used in a manner which interferes with, or affects, other anglers.
Members shall not use boats to take hookbaits into positions from which the chance of retrieving a hooked fish is limited, or where doing so puts the fish at risk of damage – i.e. placing baits into/or very close to snags, reed beds, etc.
Members shall not manoeuvre a bait boat for the purpose of dropping baited hooks or free offerings at a greater range than they can cast.

Any member suspected of dropping baited hooks or free offerings close to dangerous snags or at excessive range shall be liable to have their membership permit revoked.

15. H&DAA members who do not have a night permit are allowed to night fish between 1st November to 31st March. The Night Permit Secretary and Head Bailiff must be contacted prior to the visit and a charge of £20 per night is payable in advance.
16. All anglers fishing **Grebe Pond** must be in possession of a landing net with a minimum size of 36 inches (as per rule 12). They must also possess an unhooking mat.
17. **Alcohol consumption** on Association property that results in unacceptable behaviour or lack of capability by any member will not be tolerated. Examples of bad behaviour would be causing annoyance to other anglers, being intoxicated to an extent that puts the member themselves, other members, the fish, wildlife or Association property in harm's way, or conduct that could be construed as bringing the Association into disrepute. Such behaviour could lead to the offender having their membership revoked and being banned.

INFORMATION

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Willows Club, Holderness Road, Hull, HU8 9AN on Monday 13th October 2025, and is open to all members on production of their permits.

Delegates' Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at the Willows Club, Holderness Road, Hull, HU8 9AN. The Association welcomes anyone interested in becoming a Delegate whose function would be to represent the membership. Please contact the Secretary or any other Association official.

MEMBERSHIP

Individual Membership is available through various local outlets (listed on our website), or our website: www.hdaafishing.co.uk

- Existing members will be notified with a renewal letter.
- Membership runs from 1st January until 31st December each year.
- The membership category (Junior, Adult or Senior) is determined by the applicant's **age on the 1st January of the year of membership**.

- a) **Junior:** any person under 18 years of age on January 1st.
- b) **Adult:** any person over 18 years of age but under 65 years of age on January 1st.
- c) **Senior:** any person aged 65 or over on January 1st.
- d) **Seniors aged 80 years or over** (on January 1st) receive free membership if they have five years continuous membership.

• The Hull & District Anglers' Association also operate Affiliated Membership for clubs, providing access for matches on fisheries not normally available. Affiliated clubs are also given preferential bookings on Association fisheries, at a lower rate than non-affiliated clubs. For further details contact the Water Booking Secretary, Paul Caygill on 07976 779983.

The Association operates various **Night Fishing Permits:**

- A Class permit inc. Motorway Pond, Brickyard Pond, Tilery Lake and all B Class fisheries – price £225. Limited to 80 permits.
- B Class permit inc. No 2 Pond, No 3 & 4 Pond, Burshill A & B Ponds and Windmill Pond – price £150. Limited to 80 permits.
- C Class permit inc. Hawk Pond & Grebe Pool – price £150. 30 permits.
- Osprey Permit which allows holders to fish Osprey Lake and also night-fishing on all B Class fisheries – price £275. Contact the Night Permit Secretary (Neil Dawson on 07983 877284). Limited to 40 permits.
- River Trent Night Permit – price £50 per season. Limited to 20 permits.
- Platinum Membership (25 permits) which covers all fisheries where night fishing is allowed. It includes the year's membership of the Association and exempts the holder from all compulsory work parties – price £575.
- Payment for Guest Night Permit: www.hdaafishing.co.uk/night-permits/

Waiting Lists: There is a non-negotiable 60-day time limit for anyone to contact Neil Dawson who believes they have not been offered a night permit through an error or omission. The 60 days begins from when the new night permit lists are published on the Association Facebook page in March each year.

All the above night permits are issued in limited numbers and regulated through waiting lists, which are published on the Association website.

Enquiries should be directed to Neil Dawson, Night Permit Secretary – telephone 07983 877284 (email neil1961holland@gmail.com) or write to: Hull & DAA, Pinewood, Hempholme Lane, Burshill, YO25 8QS enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. All cheques to be made payable to Hull & DAA. You can download an application form for a night permit from our website: www.hdaafishing.co.uk

Members should **always** carry their **Membership Permit and Night Permit** when visiting any Association fishery and be prepared to produce the permit when requested to do so by either an Association bailiff (on production of his authority) or any other member on production of their membership permit. Any angler found angling without a valid permit, issued in their name, shall face prosecution under the 1968 Theft Act. Any member found lending his permit to another angler shall face immediate expulsion from the Association, and that other angler will face prosecution under the Theft Act. The simple process of fishing, when carried out without a valid permit, constitutes the offence of theft. All offenders will be prosecuted.

The Association offer **Match Bookings** on a number of its venues. Some are restricted to affiliated clubs, others are open to all.

- The River Trent at Carlton: 40 pegs available
- The River Derwent (three venues): approx. 30 pegs at each venue
- Aire & Calder Navigation
- Cygnet Pond at the Brough Complex: 17 pegs available

Further details regarding match booking on Association fisheries are available from Paul Caygill on 07976 779983.

The Association is concerned about possible **theft/killing of fish** on its fisheries. If you see anything suspicious please contact the Association's head bailiff, Andy Hall, on 07463 806653 (taking note of the time, description of offender/s and their vehicle/s and, most importantly, the vehicle/s registration number/s), or contact the Police (0845 60 60 222). Any information provided will be treated in the strictest confidence and a substantial reward, in the event of a successful prosecution, will be paid.

Help us to protect your fishing. Do not hesitate to inform the Association if you witness anyone killing or removing fish, damaging property, introducing fish, leaving litter or causing a disturbance.

THE HULL & DAA FISHERIES

Brandesburton Ponds Complex of ponds

Newport & Broomfleet Fisheries

- Motorway Pond
- Blue Lagoon
- Brickyard Pond
- Tilery Lake
- River Foulness

Brough Fishery Complex of ponds

River Trent Fishery

- Carlton

River Derwent Fisheries

- Stamford Bridge (below bridge left bank)
- Sutton on Derwent (above bridge)
- Sutton on Derwent (below weir)
- Brighton/Gunby
- Wressle

Driffield Canal

River Rye

- Butterwick

Aire & Calder Canal

Windmill Pond

Oak Road Pond

Willows Pond – **see restrictions about access**

OBTAINING ACCURATE LOCATIONS TO ASSOCIATION FISHERIES

Very accurate locations to our fisheries can be achieved using the What3Words app. Download the free app to your phone and install it, then type in the three words into the app for any of our venues listed below and you will get a map with the location accurately pinpointed (make sure your spelling is correct).

The app can also be used if you are seriously injured or ill to let the emergency services or family/friends know exactly where you are.

Brough Complex (main access gate): **unsettled.reports.conducted**

Motorway Pond (main access car park): **ordering.forgets.pushover**

Motorway Pond (small east car park): **bunk.indicated.parkway**

Motorway Pond (M62 bank access): **flick.sank.skills**

Motorway Pond (west Canalside car park): **innovator.ditching.pays**

Brandesburton No 2 & No 3 (gate): **hush.cross.shifters**

Brandesburton Burshill A & B (gate): **modest.defining.shuffles**

Blue Lagoon (main car park): **rucksack.devotion.party**

Blue Lagoon (small car park): **enclosing.apart.puts**

Brickyard Pond & Tilery (access gate): **mole.elephant.factoring**

Windmill Pond (access track off road): **melt.gazed.stars**

Windmill Pond (gate over railway): **into.moved.rents**

River Rye at Butterwick: **weedy.subplot.deployed**

River Trent at Carlton: **beads.changed.himself**

River Derwent at Stamford Bridge: **list.betraying.skewed**

R. Derwent at Elvington (above bridge): **waiters.diplomats.proclaims**

R. Derwent at Elvington (weir parking): **diner.obviously.lollipop**

R. Dewent at Elvington (weir access point): **cookbooks.ports.replace**

River Foulness (parking): **smoker.regulator.darting**

Driffield Canal (parking 1): **latitudes.senior.energy**

Driffield Canal (parking 2): **photocopy.welcome.export**

Oak Road Pond (access to car park): **oddly.polite.commented**

Willows Pond (access to car park): **locate.blur.snake**

Aire & Calder Canal (Beavers Bridge): **cheerful.legend.yelled**

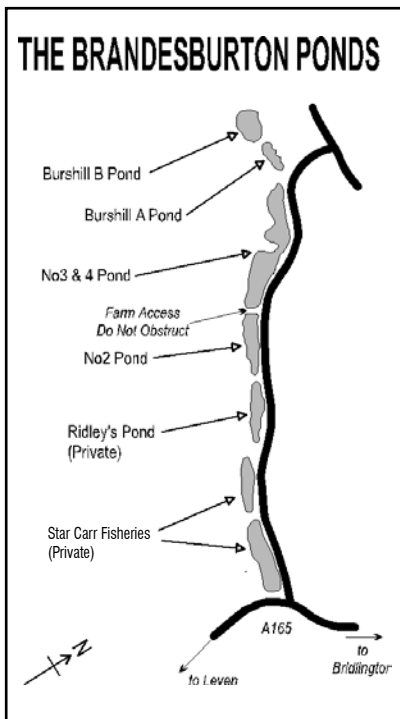
(Other access points to Aire & Calder are available)

THE BRANDESBURTON GRAVEL PITS

These fisheries offer excellent sport for various species of coarse fish. Situated alongside Hempholme Lane, they have easy access and ample parking.

Please note: Security gates are fitted to all vehicle-access points at these fisheries and are permanently locked. The combination lock code is printed on the membership card. The Association owns the following four gravel pit fisheries:

No 2 Pond is a mature gravel pit of about two acres holding a good head of roach and perch. The roach fishing tends to be at its best early in the year when pole-fished maggots can produce some decent sport. The water has seen the capture of some large perch in the past, with fish up to 3lb 10oz reported. There are also pike, eels and a handful of large bream, plus a number of large carp. The paths and swims are regularly maintained. All in all, this mainly deep pond offers good fishing in comfortable surroundings.



No 3 & 4 Pond is one of the Association's most popular fisheries. It currently holds around 200 carp with many over 20lb in weight (including common carp), and a lake record in excess of 30lb. The fishery is

periodically stocked with young fast growing carp, and a large number of double-figure fish have also been transferred from Burshill A pond in recent years.

This 8-acre picturesque gravel pit is reed-lined, featuring lily beds and surrounded by mature trees. Annual work parties maintain the swims, paths and parking in good order. Every swim holds some sort of feature, whether one of the many bars, gullies, reed beds or an overhanging tree. Multiple catches are regularly taken and carp are easily located if anglers take time to have a walk round before setting up

and get to know the fishery. Bream are present and regularly exceed 7lb. A small fishmeal boilie over a bed of pellets is sure to attract the bream into the swim and good sport can be experienced. Tench have been caught to over 9lb and an early season traditional approach in a shallow area could produce a very large specimen, although to be fair the tench are very few in number. In addition numerous rudd are present and have been landed to just over 2lb. It is not just a specialist venue though, there's much to attract pleasure anglers using pole, waggler or feeder tactics with plenty of 'silver fish' and perch providing non-stop action. Pike too are a winter favourite on this venue and there is always a chance of a real specimen, with 20lb-plus pike turning up from time to time (a 30lb 4oz pike was caught in 2017). It also has a very long history as a big eel fishery. Two on-site toilets for members are situated between No 2 and No 3 & 4 Pond, and between No 3 & 4 Pond and the Burshill Ponds.

Burshill A is a pond of about 1½-acres which was landscaped and developed from scratch as a pleasure fishery by the Association after its purchase. Unlike most of the neighbouring pits at Brandesburton it is shallow and flat-bottomed, and has been heavily stocked with fish with the

Adam Chance with a 28lb 9oz common carp from 3&4 Pond caught in June 2024



intention of making the fishing easy. In recent years all the swims have been replaced along with the upgrading of paths, car parking, etc., and the site now also benefits from the provision of a members' toilet. Over recent years many of the bankside trees, overhangs and rooted snags were removed or cut back to reduce leaf-fall on the pond, increase oxygenation and making for safer angling. Despite regular stockings the fishery has suffered with excessive weed growth and a major stocking of 350 small carp was hoped to reduce the weed growth. Unfortunately, this failed to achieve any effect on the prolific lilies so, in 2019, the extensive beds of water-lilies were chemically treated in an attempt to control their pervasive growth, and this work will continue in future years, carried out by professional contractors.

A regular program of moving the larger carp to 3 & 4 Pond has been undertaken and replaced with regular stockings of bream, quality tench and crucian carp. Over 700lb of good-sized bream were added in 2024.

Burshill B is a mature, fairly shallow fishery of about 2½-acres. It has a long history of being a good early-season tench fishery, but also contains roach, crucians, rudd, pike and a few big carp. It becomes very weedy in summer. Early morning or evenings are the best times for tench fishing and those that are caught from this fishery are often of a good size. Since 2008 the venue has been included in our stocking programme with the introduction of several hundred tench up to 7lb 12oz, large numbers of crucian carp, rudd and bream. This is another fishery which has received a major facelift. A few years ago all the swims were renewed and an extra swim added. Overflow pipes were added to stop the pond flooding during periods of heavy rainfall.

A new footpath was also created allowing better access around the venue, along with good road access and improved vehicle parking, with toilet facilities provided in the main car park.

A 9lb 3oz tench from our Brandesburton gravel pits for James Draper in 2024



THE NEWPORT & BROOMFLEET FISHERIES



Motorway Pond is an attractive, mature sand/clay pit of just over 18 acres, situated in Newport. Access is via Thimblehall Lane or Canalside West. Good parking is available, but do not obstruct access or block the access road alongside the M62 when parking. There is a security gate fitted to the main parking area with an available toilet just off Thimblehall Lane (but other parking areas are available). The southern bank of the fishery is a public footpath and angling is prohibited along the section next to the houses. The site is a useful wildlife area with interesting birds and flora. Do not damage the habitat or interfere with the waterfowl in any way. Night fishing is only allowed with a special permit and carp must not be kept in sacks. Keepnets are also not allowed. Immediately telephone the Association or the Police if anyone is seen on this, or any other fishery, acting suspiciously – e.g. with guns, removing fish, lighting fires (but bear in mind the Association have a licence to scare/shoot cormorants at the Brough Complex).

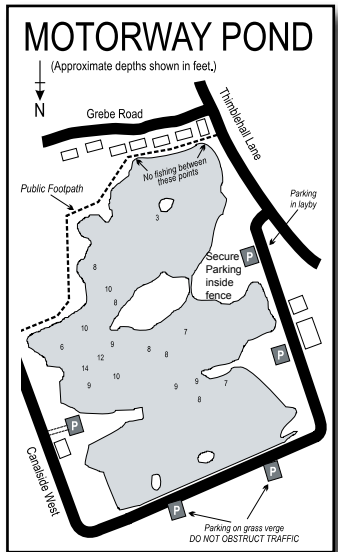
The fishery holds several different species and has a reputation for big fish. It produced the Yorkshire carp record of 42lb 3oz in 1999 and in recent years carp to 36lb-plus have been landed, with several different fish going over 30lb. There are also some quality tench and pike. The water has produced a number of 20lb-plus pike to just over 30lb, as well as large

catches of bream, roach, rudd and perch. There are also a handful of wels catfish that have been caught to 47lb. Although once generally fished by specialist anglers in search of bigger fish, nowadays more pleasure anglers search out the good stocks of tench, bream, quality rudd and silver fish.

Location is the key to success in this interesting water that has many different features and snags.

Over the winter of 2013/14, the venue was enclosed within an anti-otter fence and all of the swims are now accessed by **gates which MUST be closed and locked on entry and exit.**

As part of the Association's comprehensive restocking programme, between 2009 and 2024 Motorway Pond has seen over 360



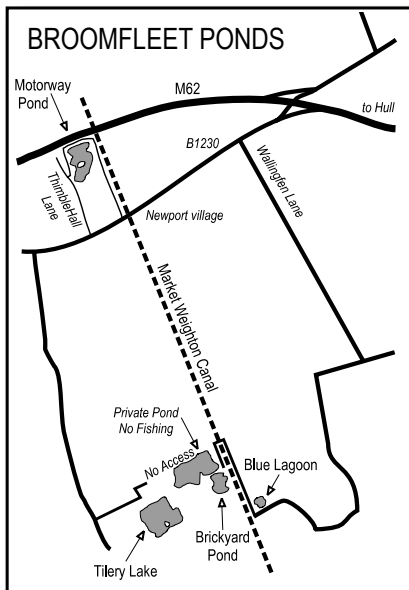
carp, between 6lb and 16lb, introduced from highly-reputable breeders. These young fish are growing well with plenty now weighing in excess of 20lb. Stockings of tench and crucian carp were also added in 2023.

The Association recommend that you do not leave your vehicle parked on Canalside West, opposite the public footpath (to gain access to the swim known as Pads).

Brickyard Pond has in the past produced bream over 13lb, roach and rudd over 1¾lb, carp in excess of 40lb and pike over 20lb. Present stocks are somewhat diminished from the visits of otters and cormorants, although the large bream appear to have escaped their attention.

It is a very old and mature clay pit, surrounded by trees. Consequently, there is a thick bed of silt over much of the bottom. The pond is split down the middle by a band of reeds although fish can migrate between the two areas. Depths fall off quickly from the margins and are generally between 10ft and 15ft. There are also some clay features and bars mainly in the second part of the pond. In recent years several work parties have produced vast improvements to the fishing stances and paths, and the lake is bailiffed and regularly maintained by our resident bailiffs, Ryan, Mark and Dan Walker. In 2010, 2011 and 2014 young 6-8lb carp totalling 57 in number were introduced. In 2022 the Association also stocked thirty 4-6lb bream, plus 500 small roach and 1000 small bream.

There is also some superb wildlife to be seen and heard around Brickyard,





Brickyard bream appear to have avoided the attention of the local otters. This 'double-take' came in 2024 for the Association president fishing during the day

including bitterns, which members must not disturb.

Access is via Broomfleet village, past Blue Lagoon and along the road adjacent to the Canal. Cross over the Canal bridge and turn immediately left. Do not drive towards the brick factory under any circumstances or use their private road as access to Tilery Lake. A gate is fitted at the entrance to this site and the combination lock number is printed on our permit. Members must ensure the gate is locked after entering and leaving. After entry through the gate drive about 100 yards to the end of the track to our parking area. The track goes through the trees with the Canal on the left and a pond with submerged trees on your right which is a private syndicate. **DO NOT for any reason access the private pond on the right of the track.**

Blue Lagoon Pond is situated at Broomfleet Landing and is a popular water of about 2-acres. This old clay pit has depths of around 8-12ft, with weed sometimes causing problems during the summer. The main interest

is bream and roach, with occasional large catches being made, particularly early in the season. Tench, perch (some over 2lb), chub and eels are also present, along with some pike. Recently, small rudd have made an appearance and are prolific, and can be a real nuisance during the summer. A major face-lift of the venue was undertaken and now a high-quality path surrounds the pond. All the pegs have been renewed and maintained, and provide comfortable fishing, with the two swims adjacent to the car park suitable for disabled anglers. **Night fishing is not allowed** at this venue. Also, please exercise discretion when fishing near the bungalows, so as not to disturb residents. Do not park on the road or cause an obstruction – ample parking is available at this venue – on the large grassed area during dry weather, and opposite on some hard standing near the Canal (do not obstruct field access for the farmer).

Tilery Lake has restrictions placed on its access due to ongoing clay excavation on the adjoining land and the safety considerations imposed as a consequence. **This has necessitated making the limited bank space and access available only to Class A night permit holders.**

Natural mortality over the years and the appearance of otters has resulted in the original 1982 carp stocking and the 1994 stocking long gone. The Association did introduce 40 fast-growing carp from a highly-reputable source in 2011. Unfortunately, otters are locally resident on these fisheries at Broomfleet and undoubtedly have killed significant numbers of carp, roach, pike, eels and tench in Tilery and Brickyard. Nevertheless, some fish are still resident in Tilery, and the big bream may have been largely left alone as seems to be the case in the nearby Brickyard Pond.

This 25-acre, weedy, low-stock fishery had an impressive history of producing very big fish of several species in the past: carp to 38lb+, tench over 8lb, roach to 3lb 4oz, bream over 13lb and pike over 29lb. Nowadays, it represents an extremely difficult and challenging fishery for several reasons, but it might offer the chance of a massive fish.

Access to Tilery for **Class A night permit holders only** is via a very long walk using the track that passes between Brickyard Pond (on left) and Danny Nalton's syndicate (on right), leaving vehicles in the Brickyard Pond car park. Do not drive towards the tile factory or use their private Tarmac road as access to Tilery Lake. Under no circumstances can H&DAA members enter Danny Nalton's syndicate fishery, which is adjacent to Brickyard Pond, without permission.

The past glory days of Tilery Lake produced many big fish, like this 37lb+ carp for our fisheries officer, Derek Pye. Could it still produce a surprise or two?



THE RIVER FOULNESS is a tributary of the Market Weighton Canal. The stretch available, on the north bank, near Hasholme Grange Farm, downstream for about a mile, offers some early-season tench and bream fishing. During the summer the weed can be a problem, but sport can be had by fishing the clearer areas or dragging a swim. In winter double-figure pike have been reported as well as some decent-sized perch, but again, like the Canal, the best results usually occur during periods of dry, mild weather. Like the main Canal there can be problems in the autumn when the Drainage Board cut the weed.

Access is via Thimblehall Lane in Newport. Cross over the M62 motorway and turn left at the T-junction. Take the first right. This leads onto a farm track. Go past the farm and proceed to the bridge over the river. **As on all fisheries park in a considerate manner and DO NOT block farm access.**

DRIFFIELD CANAL. This waterway is about four miles in length with the main fishing area centred around the village of Wansford. Access to some of the Canal is easy as it runs alongside the B1249 Driffield to North Frodingham road, but large sections have extensive tree/bushes on the bank. There is good parking in Wansford village where there are purpose-built fishing stances for anglers with disabilities. Parking elsewhere can be difficult, although parking on the grass verge is possible in places.

The Canal holds small stocks of trout (some big ones), and a few roach – and **possibly** odd perch, bream, chub, eels and pike – a handful of carp were stocked in the dim and distant past. In places the Canal is very badly silted and when the water level is low it can be reduced to not much more than a trickle. There is usually some flow just below the locks. For most of the year the water is very clear which can make locating a few fish possible, but in the summer this allows for lots of weed growth.

The Association operate the fishing rights in conjunction with the East Riding Fisheries Consultative and the landowners.

No day tickets. NOTE: Angling is strictly prohibited at the Canal Head in Driffield.



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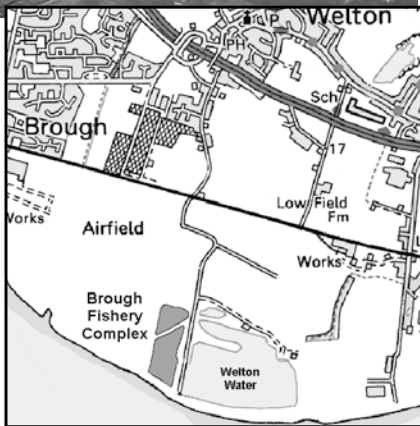
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THE BROUGH FISHERY COMPLEX



Since purchasing the former British Aerospace pond complex, the Association has spent many thousands of pounds on its development. Additionally, a number of members have given many thousands of hours in volunteer-labour to the project. Nowadays, the original complex and further land joining the complex provides six separate fisheries offering the membership a range of angling experiences.

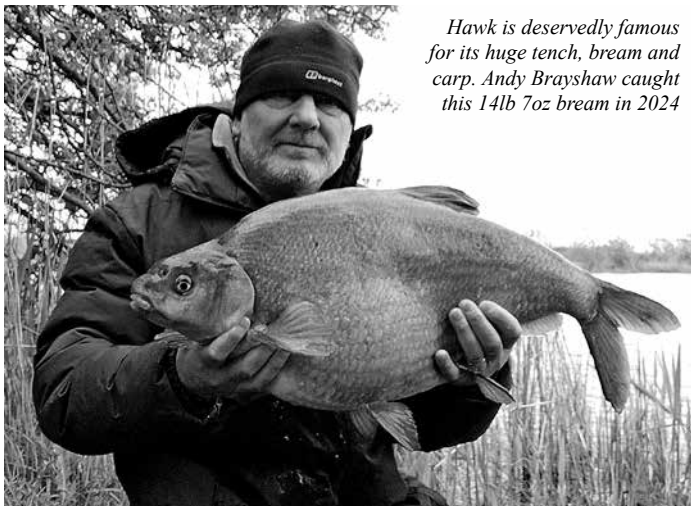


Kingfisher Pond is a tailor-made pond, developed initially as a training facility for the Association's coaching programme, but these days the venue is open to all members and has excellent access close to a car parking area. The pond is heavily-stocked with a mixture of nearly all species including:

roach, rudd, perch, eels, tench, carp, chub, bream, ide, etc. It can offer the occasional surprise like a 20lb carp or a 3lb perch!

Hawk Pond is a 5-acre pond that was created shortly after the Association purchased the property, when an 'arm' across the main lake was extended. This provides for full vehicle access around the venue and parking next to pegs, thereby eliminating the need to carry tackle long distances. The venue contains excellent stocks of tench, carp, bream, roach, rudd, perch, pike and eels.

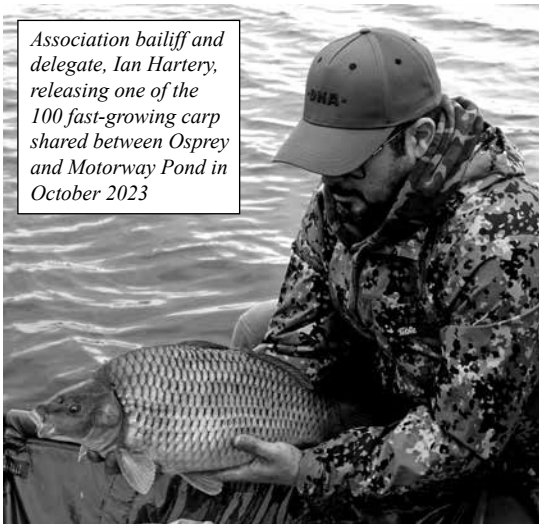
In 2014, the previously rampant Canadian pondweed was wiped out by the ingress of salt water from the Humber tidal surge. The lack of weed encouraged members back to the fishery, resulting in many captures of good-sized tench and carp, and other species. Many tench in excess of 6lb have been caught, although undoubtedly there are some recaptures. Likewise, big carp have also graced members' nets, lots over 20lb including a common carp weighing 38lb a few years ago, and a 41lb leather caught in 2022. Hawk continues to benefit from introductions of quality fish with stockings of 20 6-7lb bream and 25 4-6lb tench in 2021.



Hawk is deservedly famous for its huge tench, bream and carp. Andy Brayshaw caught this 14lb 7oz bream in 2024

Osprey Lake is the largest lake on the complex at about 17 acres in size. It has been developed as a big carp water. Access to this venue is only available to holders of a special Osprey permit, which is managed through a waiting list. Full details about the Osprey permit is available on the Association website and an application form can be downloaded from the website. You can view the waiting list and also apply to be included on the waiting list via the website.

Association bailiff and delegate, Ian Hartery, releasing one of the 100 fast-growing carp shared between Osprey and Motorway Pond in October 2023



The venue continues to go from strength to strength and now contains large numbers of carp over 30lb with two landed in excess of 40lb. In October 2023 it received a further stocking of 52 Rob Hales' Super Freak fast-growing carp.

Avocet Pool is a 1½ acre pond on the east bank of the complex. It was purposely designed as a flat-bottomed venue, with islands and plateaux, to offer something of a challenge to members who favour a float-fishing approach. Swims are along the eastern side only, with adjacent parking. The pond holds large numbers of crucian carp, tench, carp and many rudd. In 2018, Avocet received stockings of 72lb of 1-3lb tench and 25lb of quality roach. Between 2019 and 2023 further stockings of roach/rudd, 150 6-8in crucian carp and 2-3lb tench have taken place.

Cygnets Pond is a long, narrow one-acre pond with 17 evenly-spaced swims, a consistent 2½ metre depth and an average 15 metre width. It has

been developed as a pleasure/match venue, suitable for pole and general float fishing. The initial stock consists of several thousand small carp and roach, but also includes rudd, bream, crucians and some good-size tench. As with all the Brough venues, there is full road access to all swims, ample parking and toilet facilities close by. During 2017 and 2018 Cygnet received considerable additional stock, including 2000 small carp that now weigh between 1-2lb, 290lb of 2-5lb tench, 80lb of 3-4lb bream and 80lb of quality roach (8oz -12oz). Further stockings took place in 2019, 2020 and 2021 with 60 tench between 4-6lb, 20 bream averaging over 6lb, 150 6-8in crucians and 150lb of roach/rudd.

Grebe Pool was stocked in April 2013 with 400 carp that now average around 12lb, with several fish over 20lb having been landed. Beneath Grebe's 3½ acres of water there are many bars, gullies and plateaux to offer interesting fishing from 15 large swims all situated on the central promontory. The original carp have spawned since their introduction and so the fishery now contains carp of all sizes.

Crucian carp that were stocked into Avocet Pond and Cygnet Pond



Another scaley carp from Grebe Pond held by Riley Soper

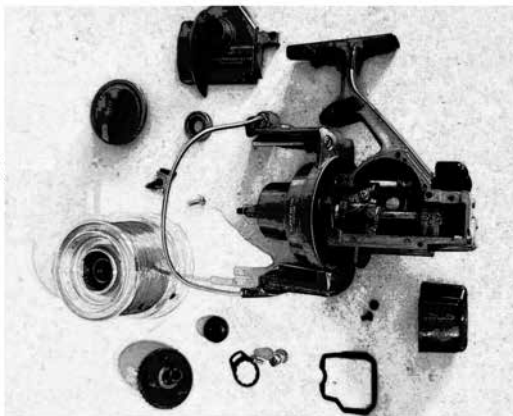
The fishery's design allows for full vehicle access and swim-side parking, and the pond has an on-site toilet. Grebe is open to all members between 5am to 10pm. Additionally, there is limited night fishing via a special permit. Contact the night permit secretary for details.

Sandpiper Pond was created in 2020 and was designed and project-managed by fisheries officer, Derek Pye. Aimed at the angler wishing to fish heavily-stocked, commercial-type venues, the 0.6 acre pond was initially stocked with several hundred small carp of ½lb to 2lb, plus a small number of larger specimens just into double-figures. Additional stock was added in 2020 and 2021 which included 2000 2-4in carp, 800 4-8oz carp, 15 carp 8-14lb and 200lb of tench between 8oz and 3lb.

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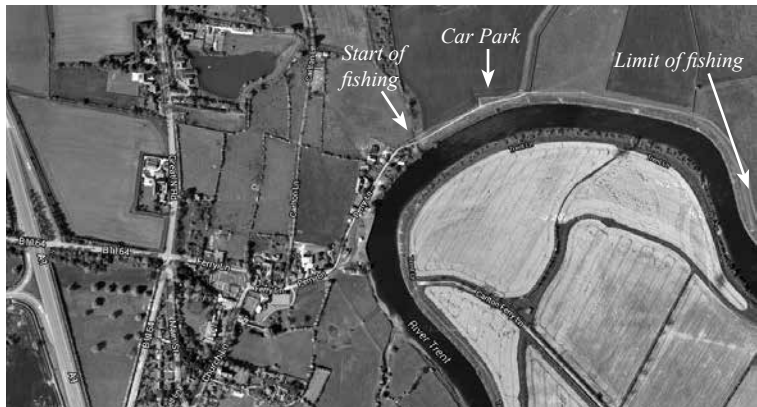
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RIVER TRENT FISHERY



CARLTON ON TRENT is one of The Association's more distant waters, situated on the tidal Trent just north of Newark, close to the A1. Approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile long, the venue is typical of the tidal Trent. Situated on the outside of a sweeping bend, the bank is reinforced with rocks but there are a handful of very comfortable swims along the length.

As is well known the Trent has become the best barbel fishery in the country and our stretch has plenty of these hard-fighting fish in the 5lb to 10lb bracket, with specimens over 12lb caught most seasons. The president and his pal, Bob Goodison, shared a daytime catch at Carlton of 27 barbel a few years ago, with fish between 5lb and 9lb, all caught on maggots, and they only stopped catching when they ran out of bait. Chub have been reported over 7lb with an occasional big bream, plus, of course, there are roach and dace. For the predator angler, zander and pike are also present. The river here is affected by the tide so the height and flow can change during the day. Tide tables can be found on the internet but you will need to add roughly 4½ hours from the information given for Goole.

Access is through Carlton village (signposted on the A1 before Newark). Ignore the 'No Access to River' sign, drive past the large house on the left and then past the 'windmill' house on right, through the metal gate (**WHICH MUST BE KEPT CLOSED AT ALL TIMES**) and vehicles



Member Richard Ingham's 12lb 6oz barbel caught from a flooded Carlton in October 2024

MUST be left in the designated parking area just off the floodbank track. **NO PARKING IN THE FIELDS. DO NOT OBSTRUCT THE FLOOBBANK UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

A limited number (20) of night permits are available at a cost of £50 – See website for details/waiting list.

Night time is designated as 10pm to 7am on this venue. This means access to the Carlton fishery can only take place after 7am or before 10pm. Do not disturb the local residents.

THE RIVER DERWENT FISHERIES

Stamford Bridge – The Association own the fishing rights to this 155 metre stretch of the Derwent. The length covers the field downstream of the public car park that is situated next to the road bridge, on the left bank looking downstream. The pegs adjacent to the car park are council owned and are free fishing – our fishing is below the fence and notices are in place. Vehicles can be parked in the public car park and access is via a public right of way that runs along the top of the bank next to the river. This stretch is one of the best on the Derwent, offering at times excellent sport with barbel, chub, dace and some quality roach, particularly early season after the fish have migrated upstream into the weir to spawn. Towards the end of the season there can be some decent pike fishing to be enjoyed.

Sutton on Derwent (above road bridge)

This stretch is on the left bank looking upstream, from the road bridge up to to the Elvington Water Treatment Works (about one mile). Access is via the left of the workshop, and over a stile. Nearby parking is a bit of a problem and members are asked to use their commonsense. **DO NOT park in the area next to the workshop. The farmer requires access.**

There is space for about three vehicles on the opposite side of the road to the entrance, next to the bridge. Alternatively, you can drive over the bridge, past the traffic lights, on the main road into Elvington, and park on the roadside. Cattle are often in the field. Do not disturb the electric fence and please report any problems with the fence.

This section of the river is known to fish best during the winter months when large numbers of fish, particularly roach, usually migrate to the deeper water above the weir and use the boats for cover from the cormorants.



A fine March 2021 mixed catch from the swims just above the road bridge on our stretch at Sutton on Derwent

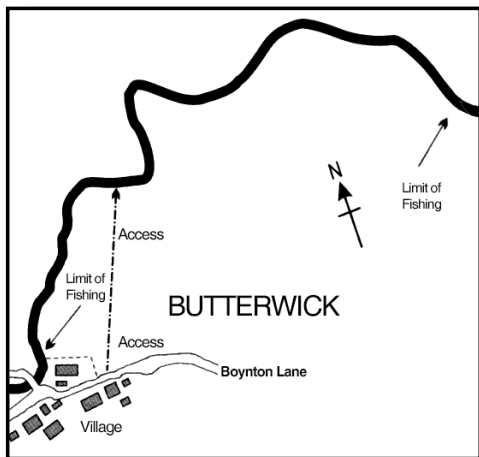
Sutton on Derwent (below weir) – This is the stretch that was in the past owned jointly by the Leeds and York Associations. There is about 1½-miles of fishing downstream from the lower end of the weir. Species present are typical of the lower Derwent – chub, roach, perch, barbel, flatties, eels, bleak, plus an occasional trout, with the weir area known as a decent winter pike fishery. Good results with the chub and pike have been obtained by adopting a roving approach. Parking is available in the church car park although the Association have no formal agreement for this. Access is over a stile near the Church road entrance, off the main road, then directly and diagonally across the field. The field can get a bit overgrown in summer.

Brighton & Gunby – Approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile on the east bank (left bank looking downstream). Access is at Gunby, via the path through the wood on the old railway track. It extends from the old bridge downstream to the fence, just upstream of the Brighton launch public house.

Wressle – Both banks between Wressle and Loftsme Bridge. On its day it offers reasonable fishing for roach and dace, with an occasional decent perch. Bream and chub can be found in the deeper runs. Access is along the A63, past Howden, via the old road, on the east side of Loftsme Bridge, or down the short lane by the church in Wressle.

The River Rye is a tributary of the River Derwent. It is a small, fast-flowing stream with lots of features such as bends, overhanging bushes/trees, deep pools, glides, streamy water, etc., which lend themselves to a variety of fishing tactics. It holds trout, grayling, dace, roach, chub, perch, gudgeon, pike and the very odd barbel – although please be aware actual numbers of fish are on the low side. It is quite possible to spend a whole day fishing this fishery without seeing another person, but there is an abundance of wildlife.

Butterwick covers approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile on the right bank, looking downstream from the bridge (the first field belonging to the house next to the bridge is not included in our fishing). The Association has owned the fishing rights (**but not the land**) to this stretch since 1973. If anyone challenges you about access or the fishing rights, please ask them to contact the



president on 07817 944349 or the fishery officer on 07811 897033.

You MUST NOT take family members or friends. It is strictly H&DAA members ONLY that have LEGAL access to the land.

From the B1257 Malton to Helmsley road, take the right turn in Barton-le-Street. Follow this road for about 2½-miles to Butterwick village. Access is down Boynton Lane (park on the lane verge without blocking resident or farm access) and enter on the left side of Boynton Lane via the drive belonging to the house as shown on the map. Walk through the drive **keeping well away from the house and outbuildings (do not disturb the residents in any way)**, and through a farm gate into the open field beyond. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU MUST SHUT THIS GATE BEHIND YOU.**

The river bank is very overgrown and it may be advisable to take a handsaw to trim branches to gain access to some spots.

The river is narrow and varies between shallow riffles and deeper pools. A roving approach, travelling light and trotting maggots or using a swimfeeder in the gaps, is probably the most productive approach.



Hull angler Andrew Bridgeman with a superb 11lb 13oz grayling he caught in March 2023 from our stretch of the River Rye at Butterwick

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AIRE & CALDER NAVIAGTION

The Association is a member of the Boothferry Aire & Calder Joint Canal Committee. That means that all H&DAA members can fish the venue without the need to purchase any other permit or day ticket (just show your H&DAA membership permit to any bailiff on the bank).

The agreement covers a 12 mile stretch of Canal from Goole to Great Heck which can offer superb sport from late-spring to mid-autumn along its entire length, with catches of 10lb-plus a regular occurrence. However, favoured spots are **Rawcliffe Bridge**, which is accessed down the track leading to Sugar Mill ponds; **New Bridge** where the A164 crosses the Canal; **Beevers Bridge** where the track to Southfield Reservoir runs alongside the Canal, meaning that anglers can park behind their pegs; **Pollington**, particularly the stretch between Crowcroft Bridge and the Lock; and **Great Heck** which is a very good early season stretch and where there are two access points both with good car-parking facilities **but on no account should cars be driven along the bank behind the pegs.**

Permanent concrete angling stances are installed at New Bridge, Pollington, Great Heck and Beevers Bridge. This makes the venue very 'angler friendly'. On the Beevers Bridge section a gate has been installed at Beevers Road. **An official British Waterways key is required for access (www.bacjcc-canal fishing.co.uk).** Note **Sugar Mills Pond access gate is open at 7am and closed at dusk.**



Brian Skoyles enjoying some perch sport whilst light lure fishing on the Aire & Calder Canal

The Canal has an average depth of 3-4 metres in the boat channel (which can be quite close to the bank), although it has shallower lengths at Rawcliffe Bridge and Great Heck, and is anything up to 40 metres wide. The water is normally either stationary or flowing gently towards Goole, but it can sometimes run back the other way due to lock usage.

The predominant species are roach and perch, but bream, gudgeon, chub and bleak are also present. Matches can be booked on any stretch of the canal – contact Paul Caygill on 07976 779983.

OAK ROAD POND

Oak Road Pond lies within the playing fields and park area at the end of Beresford Avenue, Hull. The Association have an agreement with Hull City Council to manage the facility.

Fishing is open to all H&DAA members or holders of a day-ticket. The pond contains various coarse fish including rudd, perch, crucian carp, bream and some tench. It has been developed as a general fishery for anglers of all abilities and with the particular aim of providing a good local fishery for people living in the Hull area. It will also be used as a venue to host coaching sessions for younger anglers, which could mean that there is restricted access on certain days.

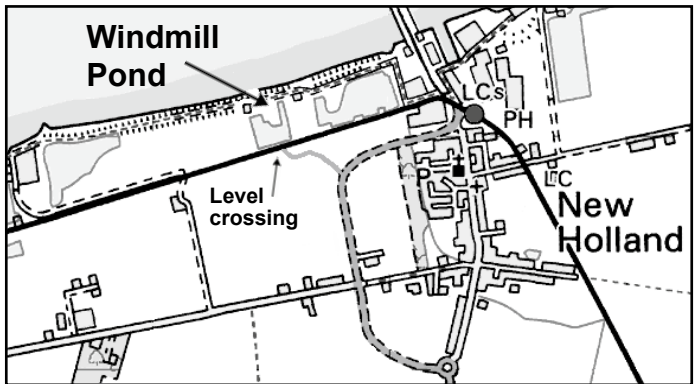
Details of any events will be displayed on the notice board at the pond, along with the fishery rules which are similar to those applying to other H&DAA venues, except that fishing is restricted to the hours 7am to 9pm. Disability blue badge holders may be permitted to drive to the pond side (if there is a Park Ranger on hand to open the barrier), but everyone else must leave their car in the car park and walk to the pond, which can be found by following the path toward the large wind turbine. Non-Association members can purchase day tickets – details are on our website.

WINDMILL POND

After considerable work by volunteers and significant investment, Windmill Pond has now returned to its former glory. The stocked carp have grown at an excellent rate and the infrastructure of the venue is of a higher quality than before the disastrous tidal surge. Now enclosed within an otter-proof fence, with improved swims and onsite toilet, and an upgraded access road that allows swim-side parking to nine of the ten swims.

The fast growing carp stocked are now regularly caught over 20lb with the venue's first ever 30-pounder landed in summer 2021. There has been some breeding success and destocking of the smaller carp is taking place. In 2020 and 2023 crucian carp were also stocked and are growing well in this shrimp-rich environment.

A quality Windmill carp caught in August 2024 by Jack Miller by fishing a PVA bag on a clear spot in weed



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WILLOWS POND - RESTRICTIONS

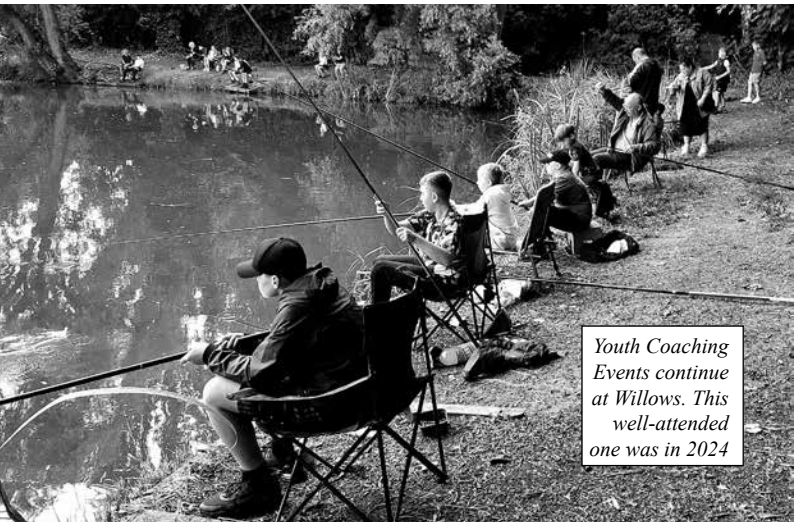
Since we took control of Willows Pond in late 2016, we've had periods of trouble from a persistent minority who don't respect the place, leaving litter, abusing our bailiffs, illegally night fish and vandalising the facilities.

In 2023, the situation became intolerable, putting members off fishing the pond and most of our bailiffs gave up. Finally, we reached a crisis and had to close the venue for an extended period.

Following discussions with Willows Social Club officials regarding the venue, the Association in 2024 restricted angling on Willows Pond to adult and senior members over the age of 18 years. Junior members, even those accompanied by an adult, are **NOT** allowed on the venue, **except on official youth coaching events.**

Willows Pond is now secured by a dedicated lock, and adult or senior members wanting to fish need to purchase a special key.

The pond holds excellent stocks of fish – tench, rudd, roach, bream and carp. Because of the mature trees surrounding the pond there can be issues regarding low oxygen levels in hot weather. The Association have installed a splash aerator that runs for a few hours each morning. Do not cast near the aerator as we have had issues with fishing line damaging the motor.



*Youth Coaching
Events continue
at Willows. This
well-attended
one was in 2024*

FISHERY OFFICER'S REPORT - DEREK PYE

We began last winter's work parties at Willows with a general clean-up, tree pruning, applying woodchip to the pegs and replacing the aerator, which had been damaged by heavy fishing line. We then spent two days at Windmill Pond, completing maintenance tasks and replacing broken wooden posts with concrete to upgrade the otter fence. In addition, new signs were installed bringing the venue into line with our other still waters.

In late January, we held a weekend at Brandesburton, as the compulsory work days for B-class night permit holders. Again, the usual maintenance tasks: improving access, repairing pegs and repairing the otter fence. This was followed a couple of weeks later by the A-class permit holders working a weekend at Motorway Pond, making considerable progress wood-chipping pegs, replacing peg fronts, stoning paths and address issues with surrounding trees.

Finally, in late February, Osprey and C class permit holders undertook maintenance work – cleaning the cabins, clearing a path around the perimeter, adding mesh and concrete posts to the fence, employing machinery to resurface the roads along Hawk, Grebe and Osprey and upgrade parking areas.

Alongside the compulsory weekends, a small group worked at Brough preparing the ground for a new otter fence around the



Volunteers maintaining the swims with fresh wood chip



northern boundary. Volunteer Phil Barrett operated a excavator to create a new bund and location for the new fence, well above even the highest previous waterline. Through contacts we sourced concrete posts, Postcrete and Tornado mesh at the best prices. Then, in the best H&DAA tradition, volunteers worked seven work parties installing over 200 concrete posts, fitted with purpose-made brackets and hung 425m of 8ft mesh. Wet, cold weather made the work difficult, but we are blessed with great volunteers who took every challenge in their stride, and with perseverance and good humour, got the job done securing the complex and our valuable fish stocks.

So, ended another long winter of work, between November and March, we held 18 work parties, attended by 118 volunteers working 361 days on 14 different Association venues. The workload never seems to lessen, with maintenance and improvement work needed across all venues, alongside the constant battle against predation.

Though we schedule dedicated work days through the winter, much work continues throughout the year. At Brickyard, Tilery and Blue Lagoon, the Walker family (Mark, Ryan and Dan) continue to go above and

beyond – improving access, repairing pegs and pruning trees. At Stamford Bridge, Matt and Jason Smith have taken on strimming, clearing litter and repairing pegs. On the Trent, Darren Hague and Ken Oliver spent several days strimming pegs, ensuring members targeting the stretch could fish comfortably. At Brough, human dynamo Ralph Hedley works tirelessly, strimming, trimming and clearing toilets. He is now assisted by Tom Mason, ensuring the complex looks better than ever. In the summer, Mike Lee put in hours of graft, removing weed from Kingfisher to ensure youngsters attending the coaching sessions had the best angling experience. Mike also



Association volunteers grafted in shocking conditions – in the rain, cold and deep mud to erect the new otter fence around Grebe. Conditions resembled those of the battlefield of the Somme in the First World War. The work was necessary to stop the otters gaining access and killing fish on the Brough Complex.

led his band of old fogeys, working on Blue Lagoon, improving pegs, clearing paths and pruning trees to improve their fishing and that of our members. Ian Hartery has beavered away at Motorway and Brandesburton, strimming to keep access clear for members. Dan Dunne, Dave Clark and Shaun Kelsey worked at Windmill, clearing pegs and paths, picking up work previously done by Rob Stow, before his final illness. And when an emergency arises – a tree comes down blocking access (as at Sutton), or a large bow threatens a fence or high water floods a venue – then Kev, Marnie, Craig, Wayne and many others turn out to meet the challenge. Where once just a handful of volunteers took on the bulk of the work, today more members, often working in small groups, are out most weeks, addressing the issues that controlling so many fisheries throws up.

Carp being stocked into Motorway Pond



Alongside improving the infrastructure of our venues, we invest each year in stock fish to enhance members' angling experiences. In late October, we took delivery of 200lb of 1-2lb tench and 1000 6-8" crucian carp. 150 tench were stocked in Motorway Pond along with 200 crucians. Avocet and Cygnet received 25 tench and 200 crucians each, and at Windmill Pond, we stocked 400 crucians, adding to the 400 introduced three years before and growing so well. We bought 104 carp from Rob Hales, 9-10lb 'super-freak' strain fish, which we shared evenly between Osprey and Motorway Pond. These fast-growing carp added further big fish potential and future-proofed both venues. These were the first carp purchased in four years and represent

another major investment in the future. In early February, we received 1,000lb of 4-6lb bream – 700lb went into Burshill A, with the remaining stocked in Burshill B.

Over the winter months, the Association invested 20% of its 2023 income in buying fish to raise stock levels and improve sport. But there was more to come. Courtesy of the Environment Agency, we received 150 chub for Kingfisher Pond at Brough and 200 for Blue Lagoon. In April, volunteers netted Windmill Pond, removing 48 carp weighing 4-9lb and relocating them to Osprey, Hawk, Grebe and Motorway Pond. Finally, we held the President's Cup match on Osprey in August where 14 anglers amassed 181lb of roach, rudd and perch which were transferred to Cygnet Pond.

While last year's huge spend won't be repeated this winter, we hope to buy more 4-6lb bream to improve sport in Brickyard, Blue Lagoon, Avocet and Sandpiper. We also have on-going orders with a couple of contacts for good-sized tench, as and when they become available, and hopefully we



A small part of the 700lb of quality bream that were stocked into Burshill A in 2024 which added to the major introduction of fish taking place in this fishery

Access blocked by a fallen tree at Sutton needed volunteers to quickly respond



will net Windmill Pond again in the near future, in the hope of relocating them to our other carp venues.

In the 2024/25 winter the Association will embark on two major projects funded by over £15,000 obtained from external sources. The first will see us upgrade the Brough Complex fence by replacing the ageing wooden posts with concrete ones. Funding for this was obtained from by the Angling Improvement Fund, administered by the Angling Trust. In addition, we will purchase specialist equipment and create dedicated facilities, using money from the Environment Agency, to reduce weed issues – initially on Kingfisher, Avocet and Sandpiper at Brough, but extending to other venues, such as Blue Lagoon, if the project proves successful. These projects are possible through the Association's collaboration with external organisations, and because funders know that we can call on large numbers of committed volunteers to complete the work, to deliver a successful outcome.

CLOSE & LOCK ALL GATES

NIGHT PERMIT SECRETARY'S REPORT - NEIL DAWSON

I am now commencing my 4th year as Night Permit Secretary and would like to take this opportunity to set out what you can expect from me. I will assist members with their enquiries and endeavour to contact those on the waiting lists in strict order and only move on to the next name on the list after making all reasonable efforts to make contact. If I can't make telephone contact, an email (if provided) or voicemail will be left requesting a reply within a strict deadline to ensure fairness to all on the waiting lists.

Anyone facing difficulty meeting payment deadlines should contact me and I may be able to help by arranging a timetable for payment.

In 2024 we sold a record number of night permits as anglers appreciated the fantastic value for money they present. Because of the high demand, those members on the waiting lists must ensure their contact details are up to date. Failure to inform us of changes will jeopardise your chance of being offered a night permit.

Please be aware that existing night permit holders have until the 31st of January to renew, after which available permits will be offered to members on the waiting lists. Platinum permits are held for just one year and sold on a first-come, first-served basis from the 1st of November each year. There is no waiting list for these permits once reserved, they must be paid for within seven days.

Other than holders of platinum permits, members must attend one compulsory work day for each night permit they hold or pay the work party buy-out fee. Payment of the buy-out fee must be made before the compulsory work party, failure to do so will result in the loss of your night permit.

In addition to the compulsory work days, the Association holds other work parties, the dates of which are published in this booklet. Anyone attending non-compulsory work parties will receive a discount voucher for each day performed, redeemable against next year's night permits. It is the responsibility of those attending work parties to sign the register for days to count for discount vouchers.

Please be aware that 2025 night permits **WILL ONLY BE ISSUED** to those holding a 2025 membership, so ensure you take out your membership before renewing your night permit.

Wishing you all the very best and many great fishing experiences in 2025.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT REPORT - DEREK PYE

Last year was our 10th term of delivering a comprehensive programme, with events in every month of the year. We began last winter with Predator Academy sessions at Brough. As always pike fishing holds a special fascination for youngsters with consistently high attendances at the monthly events. As we got to Christmas, Hull CC funded two weeks of sessions for the school holidays. We held an extra pike fishing day at Brandesburton, with 22 young people turning up to lure fish around the various ponds, and the following day we delivered a 3-hour whip fishing session at Willows. Again, we had another large turnout of 27 young people. Despite cold conditions making catching difficult, the kids hung on to the end, showing their enthusiasm for our sport and determination to fish at every opportunity.

Over Easter, we held four sessions. At Willows Pond, we were confronted with long queues, as 140 kids attended the two sessions. At Oak Road Pond, 53 kids fished, resulting in 200 young people fishing our Easter sessions. In mid-June, we began After-School Sessions each week at Willows, Oak Road and Brough, running 5-8pm. Again high numbers came from the start, recording 350 attendances across the three venues.

As the kids broke for the summer holidays, we switched sessions to 10am-1pm, and incorporated packed lunches at Willows and Oak Road, as part of Hull CC's Health Holidays Initiative. Numbers went through the roof, with two of the Willows sessions seeing over 100 kids fishing. Attendances averaged well over 160 per week and totalled 886 attendances from 569 different kids.

Through the summer we delivered four Carp Schools. These ever-popular 24-hour events on Grebe Pool attracted over 100 attendances. Support came again from Nutrabaits, Daiwa and Korda, and obviously our dedicated team of coaches and helpers.

As a finale to the summer and the end of the coaching year, in late August we held the Junior Championship Match at Brough. Seventeen youngsters fished the contest in two age groups, with the champions receiving the 'Kingfisher Shields' originally sponsored by delegate Reg Head and presented ever since. They also received trophies to take home, as did the runners-up and all participants went away with tackle to continue fishing outside our sessions.

Over the 12 months, our team delivered 47 coaching events

at 12 different Association venues. Sessions were attended 1,883 times by 1,189 young people, not counting the hundreds of parents, grandparents, etc. who accompanied them. The numbers participating must make our programme the most successful in the country and is a testament to the efforts of the dedicated coaches that staff the programme.

To ensure access to angling for all, we offer all sessions free of charge. But, free sessions aren't cheap, with this year's programme costing over £23,000. As we try to fund the programme from external sources, this year we made 14 grant applications to 9 different organisations and happily achieved 11 successful decisions bringing in almost £25K. Hull City Council, Environment Agency, Angling Trust, the Atkinson Trust, Rank Foundation, East Yorkshire Council and Hull Works Sports all contributed to the delivery of this year's programme.

Partnerships with external organisations has become an increasing feature of the Association's work, whether through youth work, venue development, angling administration or fishery surveys. Collaboration with other groups enhances the Association's reputation as a well-run institution that delivers high quality, successful programmes. Years of work and meaningful co-operation, has meant our Association is now recognised nationally as a permanent presence to be consulted, deserving of financial support and is held up as a model to which other clubs may emulate.



The 2024 Junior Championship Match

WILDLIFE OFFICER'S REPORT - COLIN RAMSHAW

Well, it has got around to that time of year again, reflecting what was done or could have been done. When and where was a different thing, and the weather, which seemed to drive some of us round the bend, including all the rain we had through winter and spring. At least it was generally mild, with the absence of snow, frosts and freezing fog, which is mostly good for the wildlife. Then we had some high temperatures spells during the summer making it very warm and sticky, which some of our wildlife find problematic. Still, none of this seems to deter us resilient anglers. With our changing climate, the seasons are more mixed up now. I can remember when I was a lad we often had periods of snow and frozen ponds during the winters, February rain that filled dykes and rivers, strong March winds, April showers, May-time flowers, flaming Junes, etc. But the weather doesn't seem to follow the same 'rules' nowadays.

Let's have a look at Brandesburton for wildlife, a look at Pond 2 and 3. A good spot, especially in winter, is halfway down near the farm where there is an old orchard. This area is visited by redwing, thrush and waxwings, feeding on the fallen apples. A woodpecker can often be heard as well, along with the cuckoo at the right time of year. If you walk quietly along, a snipe or a woodcock might surprise you. I once saw a water rail, which is a very rare visitor to Brandsburton. Burshill A and B are two of our shallower ponds where dragon flies and damsel flies are in good abundance. So watch out for a hobby catching them on the wing. If you keep your eyes on the thorn trees you can often see a tawny owl and a little owl which I am sure live in the old buildings. I once did catch sight of a short eared owl in that area too. On another occasion I was sat quietly, as I do, and there was a large splash the other side of the bush. Thinking it was only a carp or pike I was very surprised when an osprey flew by with a rudd in its talons. Its flight path covers various waters on its way from Africa to Scotland. A bit further along the layout of ponds is now very different. Greengrass and Billabong swallowed up the old Association ponds of Burshill Barf, Far Barff, Scales and Stamps. We also had Coneygarth and its extension – now developed for holiday visitors. But let's not dwell on the past, the future looks very good for members with our thriving Association. So, to finish off, please remember that as owners of our fishing venues we are responsible for all the wildlife. We share these places with them. Don't leave disgarded fishing line on the banks or in trees. Don't disturb nesting birds and don't leave litter.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT - ANDY WILKINSON

Once again it's been another very busy year of H&DAA membership sales, although the total number of memberships issued has decreased very slightly for the first time since 2011. Even though the total number of memberships has decreased by 25, we can still be confident that we are continuing to provide a product that people want to spend their money on.

With the continued cost of living crisis, people are still looking for ways to relax and enjoy the sport of fishing and are turning to us in numbers still to provide an affordable alternative to expensive day tickets and many syndicate carp prices.

We have done well to hold on to the huge increases in memberships we saw after the Covid 19 pandemic.

This year's sales, so far, show a decrease of about 1% on last year. All of our membership categories have decreased very slightly except for our veterans, which are up again for the tenth year running, this year increasing by 10 members. The decrease in adult memberships of 3 represents a 0.2% fall. Juniors are down 4.7%, representing 20 fewer juniors. This was a predicted downturn with the rule changes on Willows pond, a known hot spot for young anglers in that immediate area. Over 80 years of age veterans is down by 8.

This reduction in the number of Juniors is despite the hard work of Derek and his team of coaches. They continue to provide tutoring to the area's young people on regular coaching sessions, and the fewer Juniors members is clearly a consequence of them not now being allowed to fish Willows Pond. Retention is also improving. This is hopefully going to continue in the coming years as members recognise what great facilities are available, for what amounts to less than £1 per week for new adult members, less that 20p a week for Juniors and less that 80p a week for new Veterans. Inflation busting prices!

These near consistent memberships and increased retention of members shows once again the hard work and commitments of the elected committee volunteers, as well as the hard work and commitments demonstrated by those members who attend the regular work parties throughout the year – continuing to work hard to provide excellent facilities that our members enjoy day-in, day-out for very little financial outlay.

I look forward to another year of being a HDAA committee volunteer and seeing the club continue to go from strength to strength further still.

TREASURER'S REPORT - MIKE JUBB

Since the 2023 Annual General Meeting, Hull & DAA has once again incurred the usual expenditure which could reasonably be expected with running an organisation of our size and nature.

General expenses include venue rents, insurances, administration costs and website fees. These are all 'necessary evils' which take a fair-sized chunk out of our annual income. They amounted to over £18,000.

Stockings: We have taken delivery of several consignments of various species of fish as and when they became available. The combined total of each of these individual fish stockings obviously incurred quite a cost to the Association, amounting to over £34,000 (quality health-checked fish don't come cheap). However, we feel that we must continue to weigh up the pros and cons of investing in any species of fish which become available in order to provide varied angling opportunities for current and future generations of our members.

Maintenance and Development work is another major drain on our bank balance, but is still very high on our list of priorities. We have once again spent considerable amounts on developing and maintaining all of our venues to the best of our abilities. The amount spent exceeded £32,000 which does not account for the work carried out by our volunteers. Without their efforts the sum would be considerably higher. One of the major projects this year was the new fence installed around Grebe Pond.

As you can see from the figures highlighted above we have spent significant amounts of our yearly revenue yet still managed to maintain a reasonably healthy bank balance. Without our volunteers those improvements would have been considerably reduced.

Once again, our coaching activities have gone from strength to strength and often receive national recognition which, in my humble opinion, can only be good for the reputation and image of H&DAA.

These fabulous angling opportunities which our Association and coaches provide do come at considerable cost (over £20,000). However, remarkably this cost is offset by the grants which Derek Pye has again been able to acquire – resulting in no expenditure of member's subscriptions or from H&DAA savings for coaching events.

I can assure members that we are still in a strong financial position of being able to make an immediate and serious bid on any new waters which become accessible. Please let us know if you hear of any coming available.

FISHING THE AIRE & CALDER CANAL - MIKE LEE

Each year the main objective of the Association match squad is to try and win the 'Happy League' which features not only the top Yorkshire match squads but increasingly teams from across the North of England. This year the League was fished over ten rounds with matches held on the lower Aire and Calder Canal and New Junction Canal.

The Happy League this year was contested by a record number of 14 teams of 8 anglers. The League is the largest and most hotly contested summer league in the country, with various World Champions and household names, pitting their wits against the field of 112 anglers. However, this is small in comparison to the by-gone golden age of match fishing when some contests featured many hundreds of competitors. Nevertheless, a match of the size of the Happy League, in an era when typical attendances range from single digits to thirty, still retains a unique and special feel to it each Sunday. Given that the draw is often a who's who of famous faces, spivs and ringers, for any angler to consistently do well is a huge achievement.

The reason for the League's continuing and increasing popularity is partly due to a lot of anglers becoming rather disillusioned with the 'commercial fishery' match scene, which is all about expensive ticketed qualifiers for a slim chance of winning a coveted big money event. Though still not a cheap day out, fishing the Happy League with its very generous pegging, excellent and exclusive access to remoter but productive stretches of the canals, keeps the anglers flocking back in their droves.

The Aire and Calder Canal fishery, between Goole Docks and Heck Bridge, continues to produce excellent sport for bream, skimmers, silver bream, roach and perch, like it has done consistently for a good few seasons now. Having said that, the dour, damp and cooler summer of 2024 may have tempered catches slightly in some areas and rounds of the League. Despite this the quality of fishing available on this vast waterway is still excellent. However, given how barren-looking and uniform it is in nature, it is difficult to comprehend as to why it is still one of the most prolific waterways in the country.

Even the worst stretches still offer the angler an engaging and reasonable day's fishing, with average weights similar to what winning weights would have been 30-plus years ago in the halcyon days of match angling! Despite the constant narrative of polluted waterways in the

national press and the cyclical worries of cormorant predation, rendering our fisheries supposedly fish-less, the results from many matches on the waterways of Yorkshire greatly contradict these widely held assumptions. Ask many of the old stalwarts of the sport, and they will tell you that anglers have never had it so good on these canals.

With the sheer quality of sport on offer the Lancastrian and Lincolnshire outfits, that started to visit the the Aire & Calder in 2019, prior to that year's Division One National Championship, are now very worthy opponents making Hull's and the other top Yorkshire teams task to stay at the top of the League harder and harder each season. In truth, it is fair to say that this season's Happy League has been a struggle for the Hull team.

Rather than go through the summer round by round, as in previous year's reports, I thought I would take this opportunity to tell our members how best to approach this wonderful if slightly foreboding Association water.

Rounds in the early summer are always dominated by skimmer, bream and silver bream, with roach reluctant to feed with any gusto till later in the summer. Consequently, the groundbait feeder is the main winning method, and it is always worth spending the first 45 minutes of the match or pleasure session trying to catch some early bream and big skimmers (10oz to 2lb). Even if you don't catch to start with, having a small bed of groundbait laid on the canal bed, towards the far bank, can attract a patrolling shoal of bream, and can give any angler another area of the swim to target when the pole line dries up after that initial flurry of fish.

Open end or cage feeders (30 to 40grams in weight, depending on the tow and lock openings), containing a soft and fluffy mixed bream groundbait with some finely chopped worms, casters, and dead red maggots is the best opening gambit – with various cocktails of the above on the hook; three dead red maggots is a good starting pointing. Casting about $\frac{3}{4}$ away across the canal to a far bank marker, is a positive way of feeling yourself into the session and building up the swim. A bream on the first cast is bad news though, as the commotion will spook the others if there is no groundbait or free offerings to keep their interest. In a pleasure session it would pay to make half a dozen casts with a baited feeder before attaching the hooklength, to avoid snaring a bream on the first few 'baiting-up' casts.

Obviously, most matches are 'any-method' so the pole dominates, and at this time of the year most anglers will feed the same groundbait mix on the long pole line (from 13 to 16m out). This would contain a light assortment of freebies, for the skimmers to graze over. With this in mind it is

a good idea to fish with a few inches of hook length on the bed of the canal, and use a float of between 1 and 2 grams to keep the rig held in position. If you struggle to fish a pole at these longer lengths, then fear not, as during pleasure session with less bankside disturbance and angling pressure the same fish can be caught even as little as 5m out from the bank at some locations, though an optimal distance is probably nearer 7 to 9 metres out.

For any junior anglers wanting to spread their wings a little further afield, good catches of roach and perch can easily be taken from the venue using a 4 or 5m whip/telescopic pole. Ideally you want to find around 6 to 8 foot of water at this range, and plumb up carefully to find a nice flat area or a very gently sloping area on which to present 3 to 5 small balls of groundbait holding a few pinkies and the odd caster.

If cost is an issue then bog-standard brown crumb, cut with a little sweet groundbait, or even crushed biscuit and a bit of crushed hemp, will be just as effective as some flashy packaged kilo bag. Coupled with a pint of maggot that should be more than enough for a cheap day's sport. Finding a flat area of canal bed is important, as fishing on a steep slope is tricky, and groundbait and loose feed can easily roll away, or more likely be washed away from the wash of passing barges.

The match anglers that grace the banks of the canal at weekends might suggest this style of angling is out of reach and far too complicated for the average member to aspire to but, in all honesty, fishing the canal on a pleasure session is a simple undertaking. A pole rig with an egg-shaped float body, taking somewhere in the regions of 0.6 to 1.0 grams in shooting capacity, coupled with a size 18 hook to fairly fine line, will more than suffice. Rigs no more complicated than a bulk of shot or an olivette weight placed 18 inch (45cm) above the hook with 4 number 10 drop shot spread out evenly underneath the bulk, with the last one 6" to 8" (15 to 20cm) from the hook, is a great set up for the canal and any other silver fish venue.

Places like Sugar Mill Wharf, in the village of Rawcliffe Bridge, is an ideal accessible location for first forays to the venue. With anglers fishing this stretch through the warmer months of the year, there are always plenty of fish for a budding new angler to target.

Those who don't use a pole or if it is too windy, then fishing a lighter feeder set up a third of the way across, on the long pole line, with a soft quiver tip rod can yield similar results, certainly in the early summer. Doing so allows you to rest the bream swim further out, at $\frac{2}{3}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ across the canal.

In a typical match angling situation it is possible to end up in a peg devoid of bream and big skimmers; fishing is then concentrated at shorter pole lengths. If this turns out to be a struggle, then fishing a few feet from the piled sides of the canal can yield lots of perch to worm and maggot baits. Alongside the perch, Tommy ruffe and gudgeon can be caught too. For any member keen to rack up an enviable list of different species from Association waters, they could do no worse than have a day on the canal!

The waterway is already a popular draw for the anglers who like to drop-shot lure fish, and probably is the best venue in the Association's portfolio of waters to practice this trendy modern method. In recent years the pike population in the canal has gone from near non-existent to now being a worthwhile target in the winter months, as the water quality and water clarity on the Navigation has improved. With vast shoals of silver fish migrating into Goole docks in the winter, the pike angler needs to locate those pockets of silver fish that didn't have the urge to migrate to the docks. Find these populated areas and the pike should not be too far away.



HULL & DISTRICT ANGLERS' ASSOCIATION



WORK PARTIES

Winter 2024-25

DATE	MAIN VENUE	NOTES
Sunday 24 th November	Oak Rd Pond	
Sat - Sun 7 th & 8 th December	Brough	
Sunday 12 th January	Willows Pond	
Sat - Sun 1 st & 2 nd February	Brandesburton	COMPULSORY 'B' CLASS PERMIT HOLDERS
Sat - Sun 15 th & 16 th February	Motorway Pond	COMPULSORY 'A' CLASS PERMIT HOLDERS
Sat - Sun 1 st & 2 nd March	Brough	COMP. OSPREY & 'C' CLASS PERMIT HOLDERS
Sat - Sun 15 th & 16 th March	Brough	
Sat - Sun 29 th & 30 th March	Brough	

There may be other ad/hoc work parties between these dates, for details contact either number below.

Work starts at 09:30am

Dates & Venues are subject to change, you are advised to text or ring to confirm.

Derek Pye - 07811 897033 or Marney McGowan 07593 922709

SPECIMEN FISH COMPETITION

The Association will award prizes for specimen fish caught in its fisheries. A yearly first prize in the adult section will be £250 cash, with a membership permit for the following year awarded for the second best fish. The yearly top prize in the junior section will be a tackle voucher worth £50, with a membership permit for the second best fish. There will also be £25 tackle vouchers awarded every month for the best fish caught by a junior member. Entry is via our website's Catch of the Month form.

All species of fish that are present in Association waters will qualify and judging will take place at Association meetings. That decision will be final. All factors surrounding the entries will be taken into consideration, including the size of the fish, the fishery where the capture was made, etc., so include as many details as possible. Deadline for yearly entries will be 30/9/2025.

A photograph of the fish and the name and address of an *independent* witness (who is not a member of the family) who saw the fish being weighed must also be included with all entries. In the case of a juvenile entry the witness must be an adult. There is no limit to the number of entries each person may make.

2024 SPECIMEN FISH COMPETITION WINNERS

ADULT WINNER:
6lb 7oz chub

Matthew Hancock
Carlton on Trent

1st RUNNER-UP:
28lb 8oz

Scott Goddard
Brandsburton 3&4 Pond

JUVENILE WINNER:
2lb 5oz perch

Oliver Kamis
Blue Lagoon

1st RUNNER-UP:
7lb 2oz barbel

Leighton Padley
Carlton on Trent



Above: Adult winner Matthew Hancock with his H&DAA record 6lb 7oz chub from Carlton on Trent. Right: Oliver Kamis with his 2lb 5oz perch caught from Brickyard Pond in February

HULL & DISTRICT AA RECORD FISH LIST

Barbel	14lb	Barry DesForges	Carlton on Trent	2005
Bream	14lb 7oz	Ady Brayshaw	Hawk Pond	2024
Brown Trout	5lb 2oz	Ian Buss	River Hull	2014
Carp	43lb 8oz	Richard Turner	Motorway Pond	2002
Catfish	47lb	Jack Greenway	Motorway Pond	2023
Chub	6lb 7oz	Matthew Hancock	Carlton on Trent	2024
Crucian	2lb 10oz	Dave Tipping	Motorway Pond	
Dace		<i>No claim yet made</i>		
Eel	5lb 9oz	Callum Stones	Brandesburton	2017
Grayling	1lb 13oz	Andrew Bridgeman	River Rye	2014
Ide	8lb 5oz	Colin Hebb	River Hull	2021
Perch	3lb 10oz	Alan Reveley	No. 2 Pond	2000
Pike	30lb 14oz	Darren Clarke	Brandesburton	2018
Rainbow Trout	6lb 8oz	James Walsh	Driffield Canal	2006
Roach	3lb 4oz	Frank Thornton	Tilery Lake	1994
Rudd	2lb 12oz	Henry Bringloe	Windmill Pond	2023
Sea Trout	16lb 4oz	W. Burnham	Barmston Drain sea end	1962
Sturgeon	26lb	Bill Brame	Motorway Pond	2004
Tench	10lb 3oz	John Jackson	Hawk Pond	2014

MEMBERS' DISCOUNT SCHEME

Everyone knows what excellent value H&DAA membership represents, but the Association is constantly striving to come up with new ways in which to extend the benefits of membership.

We have teamed up with the companies below to offer discounts to our members **on production of a valid membership card**. Please take advantage of their generosity; we all spend considerable amounts each year on equipment, bait, etc. It wouldn't take a huge outlay before members had saved enough to cover next year's membership fees!

Below are details of what the following businesses are offering:

Current Fishing Discounts

* **Nutrabaits, 15% off purchases for H&DAA members** on boilies, pellets, carpet feeds, liquids and hook baits.

Use Code when ordering: HULL15

* **Hull Angling Centre**, Holderness Road, Hull (Telephone 01482 374201). **10% off purchases (excluding maggots)**.

* **CCW Baits and Tackle Ltd.**, 189 Wold Road, Hull, HU5 5PH (Telephone 07818 179437). **10% off purchases**.

NB: Don't forget to have your membership card with you if asked to prove you are a member of H&DAA by the above companies.

These discounts are from RRP's; further discounts may be available on selected items.

If anyone reading this has links to any business that may wish to participate, please let us know via one of the Association's contact numbers (Derek Pye 07811 897033) or email the details to dekp@dekp.karoo.co.uk

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