



## March 2024 Newsletter

As the river season draws to an end, attention turns to stillwaters. While Castlefields will also close from March 15<sup>th</sup> (opening again on May 1<sup>st</sup>), there is some great sport to be had at Stammerham Farm. Made up of three lakes (Canal, Jenny's and Clover), this mixed course fishery is set in the scenic Surrey countryside. All lakes are well stocked with Common, Mirror and Ghost Carp, as well as Bream, Tench and Golden Orfe. It really is a wonderful setting and a great place to wet a line ><>



### ANGLERS AGAINST LITTER BACK ON THE BANK



Dorking members were out in force again in January. Over a dozen anglers took part in the event, making light work of clearing litter from the river banks and pathways on the North Bank. It was a great morning's work with volunteers collecting well over 20 bags of rubbish in total. All of which was recycled, where possible, and disposed of responsibly.

For everyone who took part there was a shared feeling of a job well done. It was very much appreciated by passersby too. More litter picks are planned over the coming year, so if you'd like to register your interest please email: [volunteer@dorkingas.co.uk](mailto:volunteer@dorkingas.co.uk)

## ANGLING TRUST PUBLISHES ANNUAL REPORT ON WATER QUALITY



(As results are taken from 8 or more tests, the Mole does not yet feature) is already taking offenders to task in the High Court.

The Angling Trust has launched its first WQMN Report, which does not make for pleasant reading. No-one will be surprised to hear that the waters we fish are in crisis, with record levels of pollution present. Just click on the cover to review the report.

Our club, along with many others up and down the country, is leading the fightback by actively monitoring the health of the Mole. Dorking volunteers record monthly results which are captured on the Epicollect app and collated by the Trust.

As custodians of our rivers, anglers are providing the evidence (through water samples) that will hold the polluters to account and strengthen the legislation needed to

protect our precious waterways. Fish Legal, the Trust's sister organisation,

What's more, the Angling Trust is calling on political parties to deliver a clear plan to tackle river pollution in their upcoming general election manifestos.

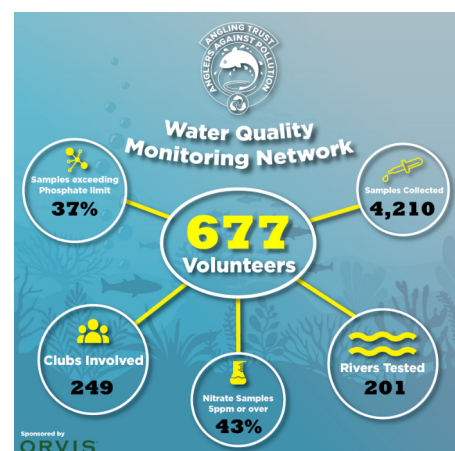
The 'Anglers Against Pollution' campaign has received positive media coverage across national and regional broadcasting, radio and print, as well as on social media platforms.

With our rivers in sharp decline, there's never been a more important time for the angling community to come together.



## A SNAPSHOT OF PROGRESS & RESULTS

- The Trust has had 525 enquiries to join the roll out on WQMN
- 421 monitoring kits have been distributed to volunteers
- The network now covers 201 rivers across 61 catchments
- Of the 4,210 samples taken, 1,556 exceeded the upper limit for Phosphate - 37%
- 1,795 samples were 5ppm (considered toxic) or over for Nitrate - 43%
- 1,047 samples exceeded Phosphate and Nitrate limits - 25%
- 55 results exceeded the upper limit for Ammonia
- 177 observed algae blooms and 235 pollution incidents noted





## **CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Your Dorking club membership runs from May 1<sup>st</sup> to the April 30<sup>th</sup> and renewal couldn't be simpler. Just login to Clubmate and you'll see a 'Renew Now' button in the middle of the screen if your membership is due to expire. Click on this button and you'll be shown the membership options available.

Select the membership type and you'll see a description of the plan. Click on the 'select membership' tab and you will be prompted to review your personal details to make sure they are up-to-date. You will then be presented with a number of add-ons from which to choose.

If you have previously paid by card, you will have the option of paying by your stored card. If not, you will be requested to add your card details at this stage to make payment. You will then receive an email confirming your membership. Job done.

If you need more help on how to renew your membership, please click on the link below:  
<https://support.clubmate.co.uk/en/articles/5081066-online-member-renewal-process>

## **ANGLERS NATIONAL LINE RECYCLING SCHEME**



We all respool are reels from time to time, but how much thought do we give to the old, discarded line. Think about the fact a heavy monofilament line that goes to landfill can take up to 600 years to degrade.

It was this staggering statistic that inspired the 'Anglers National Line Recycling Scheme' - the first line recycling project of its kind in the UK. As a non-profit operation, any surplus money generated goes to fund projects that benefit anglers, angling and the environment.

The club has agreed to get behind the ANLRS by installing a pipe bin at Castlefields Lake, purchased thanks to the generous donation of a Dorking member. So let's do our bit to support this great initiative by filling it with unwanted line.

You can also recycle at tackle shops participating in the scheme or by posting via Royal Mail. Collected line is put to very good use, being recycled into boards from which a variety of products can be made. Find out more by clicking on the link: <https://www.anglers-nlrs.co.uk>

## **AGM CONFIRMED**

The annual general meeting will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April from 8pm. As previously, it will take place at Charts Down Social Club, Dorking RH5 4DD.

This is an important event on the club's calendar and so your presence would be greatly appreciated. Last year's AGM was very well attended and we hope to welcome as many members as possible on the night.