

Copthorne & District Angling Society – August 2017 Newsletter

This is mid-season newsletter which provides members with an update since the AGM newsletter, & sets out a few reminders.

For those members who have fished at Little Rowfant lakes recently, they will have noticed the works undertaken on the Road & Third lakes. Significant dredging of the lakes and clearance of bankside trees & vegetation has been completed, with further works are planned to tidy up the affected areas. Additionally continued tree works continue to keep swims clear, with selective spraying of lilies in all lakes. On behalf of the members I wish to place on record my thanks to Les Eggleton, Alistair Hunt, Roy Hurley & Pete Tuppen for the tremendous amount of time and effort expended to complete these works in a very cost effective manner.

We have been able to secure some building materials for free, including slabs & bricks which will assist in swim construction & maintenance. If any members have access to further such materials and can deliver them to either Little Rowfant or the Mill Pond car parks these would be most helpful. Any members who feel able to assist in spreading out the pile of scalplings deposited in Little Rowfant car park on to the grassed / uncovered areas would also be most appreciated. Any members who are able to undertake basic trimming of trees / bushes & grass cutting on any waters would be welcomed, especially as it will free up the Maintenance Team to concentrate upon the larger projects planned. If any members wish to become more involved with the maintenance works, please contact Les Eggleton on 07746 960209.

Alan Eggleton our Competition Secretary, has been delighted to report that matches have been very well attended, seeing at times 20+ anglers fishing, and the weights good – full details are available on the 'Match Section' of the Society's web-site.

From reports we have received, all fisheries are producing good catches, with consistent weights of fish & also some large fish being landed, especially carp, tench & bream.

We continue to use a licenced operator to remove a significant number of signal crayfish from Rowfant Mill. If anglers catch any of these, they must be destroyed and not returned to the water.

We are in course of issuing formal photo identification to all of the Society's bailiffs, and they will be seeking sight of membership cards as a matter of course when touring the Society's waters. Please co-operate by keeping your membership cards with you when fishing and producing them when requested by either a bailiff or any other card carrying member.

On a regular basis I walk around the Society's fisheries and it continues to disappoint me at the amount of litter I pick up. Please take your litter home after fishing. If a member is reported to the Committee as an offender it will likely result in expulsion from the Society.

Tight lines

Paul Whitfield

General Secretary