HORSHAM & DISTRICT ANGLING ASSOCIATION

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
 April 2024 – 8pm

**Head Bailiff’s Report**

Good evening, all,

Thank you all for turning up tonight. Firstly, I would like to thank all the bailiffs for the work they have done this year and for all the visits and checks that they have carried out.

Just as a reminder your currently bailiffs are:

Steve Reece Jones
Matt Howlett
Barry Clark
Steve Hawkins
Graham Sinton
Graham Boylett
Stuart Boxall

Pete collins

Tom sayers

Trevor Epps
Tony Staples
Lee Waller

Including myself we have a total of 13 bailiffs.
The extra two bailiffs appointed this year is due to the fact that 7of our bailiffs are also committee members who also dedicate a lot of their time to those duties and are all very much appreciated in the roles.

Before I go into the visits and members checked that we do on every visit to our waters, I would like to tell you all about some of the other issues that we have encountered this year and since the last AGM.

**Litter issues**

* Litter issues have been on the increase this year ,2022 was considerably down on the previous year, so a big pull up on this please take your litter home with you including old line ,if its in your swim regardless of the previous occupant ,it is your responsibility . thankyou to the members in supporting the rules in place and taking their Litter home with them.

**Tins and cans**

* We have had a few occasions where drinks cans have been found with members along with tins of sweetcorn. We must reiterate that all cans and tins can are banned on all our waters.

**Nets and mats**

* In the main the response has been good and only a few members have needed to be warned about fishing with the correct size of mats and nets, so again thank you for the support on this. Propolis is still not being used enough .it is a rule to have it with you when fishing our waters, please use it on every wound or tear you find on any fish you can see needs it.

**Dead fish**

* A few dead fish have been recorded at Roosthole, Island Pond and foxhole, some are cormorant issues which have been and are being dealt with by land owners .

**Illegal fishing**

* We have had a few occasions at Birchambridge Lake with the game keeper requesting people to leave who are clearly not members and were carrying telescopic rods and carrier bags.

I would like to go through the stats for the previous years.

2021

* 1200 visits to all sites
* Members checked 2503.
* Issues reported 115.

2022

* 1292 visits [92 more visits than previous]
* 1889 members checked [614 less than previous]
* 85 issues reported.

2023

* 1931 visits – visits (639 more than last season)
* 2197 members checked.
* 68 issues reported -

Roosthole continues to be our most popular venue with 65% of all memberships 2022 now 63% -2023
Island Pond 19% now 20%
Foxhole 8% now 7%
Birchenbridge 2% now 7%
Sunoak Farm Ponds 1% now 3%

As we do not check memberships at BSA we have no data as to the popularity of these lakes.

This concludes the head bailiff report for the 2024 AGM.