

H&DAA 2025 AGM

Fishery Officer Report

It's been another busy year on the club lakes with lots done on all the lakes.

A huge thanks to everyone who has helped the last year we could'nt of done it all without your help. A special thanks to Pete Collins and Colin Wadey for all the work they have done at island pond they have done a fantastic job, Steve Hawkins and Liam Hawkins for the endless amount of work they have done at Roosthole and the Sunoak ponds, Kevin O'Shea for being our man with a van and driving all over the place getting stuff for the club and have lost count how many work parties he has done, Tom Sayers for sorting the work parties at Birchenbridge and stepping in when Tony Staples stepped down. Thanks to Tony for the last few years and all the time he put in to help make the lakes better for everyone. He will be a big loss but with Tom stepping in, I'm sure he will do a great job.

Work at individual waters is detailed below

ROOSTHOLE

3 Floating islands put in

Solar panel moved onto the bank and aerators moved

Loads of bankside and marginal plants put in

Big tench put in from Uk coarse fish

Health done and passed by AGA group

Water samples done by AGA group and better than before

Fence line trees trimmed back to let more light in

Swims cleared to make more room

SUN OAK PONDS

Interpretation boards put up at both ponds

Loads of rhododendron cut out and eco plugged

Big specimen tench and roach put in dry pond from UK coarse fish

Fence line built up with more branches

Another grant applied for to fence off the rest of black bottom

ISLAND POND

More platforms fixed and made safe

Steps put in some swims to make access more easy

Paths cleared

Permission to put a big gate in on the dam woods side

Trimmed the trees back on the island

Crayfish traps put in to get as many of the signal crayfish out as we can

BIRCHENBRIDGE

Aqua Maintain used for reed and silt removal

Swims made in the cleared areas

Drainage trenches put in a few places along the path

Marginal plants put in the cleared areas

Bio-mass & water samples done by AGA group

2 specimen carp put in from coarse fish UK

Tench put in from UK coarse fish

FOXHOLE

George's tree company in to remove rhododendron down the shallow end

A few swims the container side cleared of rhododendron

Health check done and passed by the EA

Water Samples done there and the stock pond by the Ea

The back of the dam cleared of rhododendron and trees

There is lots planned for the 2025 season on the lakes if anyone can help please get in touch! It makes life so much more easy when there is a few of us and just get a lot more done. Hope to see you all on the bank some time this year.

TIGHT LINES

Lee Waller