

# ***PETWORTH & BOGNOR ANGLING CLUB***



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## **LATEST COVID SITUATION**

Following the announcement of revised tiers on 19th December our waters and the majority of our members are now in tier 4 areas. This slightly changes what we can do but at least we are still able to fish.

### **Travel**

Travel guidance is advisory rather than law but the Angling Trust and club will be urging anglers to exercise common sense and act within the spirit of the government's guidance.

The Government is advising against all unnecessary travel into and out of tier 4 areas, therefore we are advising those anglers in the club who live in lower tier areas **NOT** to travel to and fish our waters. We would also advise our anglers who are living within the tier 4 area not to travel to lower tier areas to fish.

Bearing in mind the above travelling to go fishing is fine, but long journeys should be avoided 'wherever possible'.

**Finally it is still the case that you absolutely cannot leave home to fish if you have Coronavirus symptoms or are self-isolating.**

### **Times**

There are no limits on the time that can be spent on outdoor recreation which means that we are able to continue fishing for the times we would normally. Please note that the only waters that allow night fishing are:

River Rother	Shopham
River Arun	Watersfield
Still Water	Hurston Lane

Your maximum stay on these waters is 24 hours within any 72 hour period.

All other fisheries are subject to time restrictions, for these times refer to the individual water pages in your club handbook.

### **Matches**

As we are in a tier 4 area unfortunately matches cannot take place and we have to again suspend our match programme until the situation changes.

### **Guest Tickets**

Given the change of tier for our area we regret that we still are not able to offer guest tickets.

We would like to thank all our members for the consideration and care they have shown over these troubling times and ask that you continue to do so.

## Water Reports December 2020

We have had very few water reports over the last month, so can only really give you a general update on our waters.

### Rivers

After a reasonable November in terms of rainfall the rain was back with a vengeance in December. We have fared slightly better than some other areas of the country such as Bedford where the Great Ouse burst its bank and 1300 people had to be evacuated from their homes a rotten way to spend Christmas Day.

We would ask our anglers to be extremely careful in these changeable conditions the rivers are subject to rapid rises and it is easy to get cut off. If you have any doubts with regard to the water levels - don't go!!



**Floods in Bedford on Christmas Day**

### The Rother

When the river is at its highest and just beginning to drop seems to be the best time to find the Barbel but bearing in mind the above - be careful.

It is still possible (levels permitting) to get a few Roach, Dace and Chublets with trotted maggot with the hope that something better comes along.

Pike are showing all along the Rother although I've not heard of anything particularly big being caught.

### The Arun

With the effect of both the rain and tides to contend with please be especially careful on our Arun stretches. If you can find a 'window' then Stopham is still producing some good Roach fishing and both Stopham and Watersfield are producing reasonable Pike.

### Still Waters

#### Petworth Park

Petworth Park is closed for angling from 1st January until 31st March inclusive.

### Stemps & Cart

There have been some good mixed bags from both Stemps and Cart in the milder weather, although as it turns colder things are likely to slow down.

### The Granary

We have no recent reports from The Granary.

### Hurston

The Tench pond is very quiet at the moment the other two ponds are producing a few fish to small baits.

### Holmbush

Holmbush has been very quiet over the last month, as the water is new to us it is difficult to predict how the fish will respond to changing conditions.

### The Future

Let's hope with vaccinations on the way that we will eventually return to some degree of normality.

Let's hope we are able to fish next season without having to consider tiers and social distancing etc.

Let's hope that our local tackle shops will again be able to serve us as they have in the past.

Here's to a very much better 2021.