

# **PETWORTH & BOGNOR ANGLING CLUB**



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## **LATEST COVID SITUATION**

Following discussions between the Government and the Angling Trust, the situation with regard to angling is being relaxed from 29th March.

### **Can we fish**

Fishing remains a permitted as outdoor recreation or exercise for up to 6 people, or in a larger group if everyone present is from the same two households. A 'household' can include the support bubble linked to that household [if eligible].

### **How far can I travel?**

The statutory stay at home restriction will be lifted but the guidance will encourage you to minimise travel outside of your local area. This means avoiding making unnecessary journeys, combining trips and avoiding travel at peak times where possible. People should avoid travelling further than is reasonably necessary to take part in, or during their activity.

### **Times**

There are no limits on the time that can be spent on outdoor exercise but you can only go once a day.

### **Night Fishing**

We have decided that you can night fish at Hurston, please adhere to the guidelines within the handbook with regard to the time spent on the water. All other waters have time restrictions which are published in the handbook.

## **CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

We have had a good response to our suggestion that you should renew as soon as possible, however we still have spaces available but would urge you to get your membership in if you are wishing to rejoin. We are now taking on new members as well as renewals.

## **LOCAL TACKLE SHOPS**

Our local tackle shops should be re-opening from the 12th April and we are sure that they will be pleased to see you, however, we will not be offering memberships through them at the moment, you must use the postal application method as explained on the membership form. We will review this in consultation with the shops and hope that in the not to distant future we will be able to offer this facility again.

## **ROD LICENCES**

Please remember that you must have the appropriate Environment Agency rod licences with you when you are fishing. These can be obtained online or from post offices.

Be aware that EA officers have been active in our area and we know that they have found and will be prosecuting local anglers who failed to produce a rod licence.

### **Fishing Buddy**

One of our members who lives in the Chichester area is looking for a fishing buddy . Unfortunately he is no longer able to drive but is still keen to get to our waters and wonders whether there is anyone out there who he could team up with to travel to our various waters (as and when the Covid situation allows). If you can help, please contact the [\*\*Secretary\*\*](#).

## AROUND OUR WATERS

### STILL WATERS

As the weather gets a bit warmer we can expect the fishing to really get going on our still waters.

### LITTER

Unfortunately our bailiffs have reported a significant increase in the amount of litter at our venues and in particular at Hurston. We would ask all anglers to take their rubbish home with them. If you do happen to come across litter that has been left by less conscientious angler we would ask that you pick it up and dispose properly. We will be keeping an eye out for those leaving litter and if you are caught you risk losing your membership

### PETWORTH PARK

This popular venue, reopens to our anglers from 1st April, please remember that times here are governed by the National Trust opening hours so don't forget to allow yourself sufficient time to get back to the car park before the gates close—you could get locked in! Also remember that you must display your club parking permit when using the car park, if you do not display your parking permit you could be subject to a parking fine—the club are not responsible.

### HURSTON LANE

The new Carp that we put into the Match Pond have been showing and a number of anglers have reported good catches and we are hoping that we might be able to get some more Roach into the Tench Pond in the near future. The work on the car park and entrance has been completed and the area is much improved.

### THE GRANARY

After a quiet (as normal) winter the fish are waking up at The Granary and anglers are beginning to get some decent catches of Carp, Rudd and Perch.

### STEMPS & CART

The path across the field is now complete and anglers report that it is much easier to get to the ponds. Over the last couple of weeks a number of anglers have reported good mixed bags from both ponds.

### HOLMBUSH

The recent dry spell has helped the lake levels to drop considerably. Almost 3 ft of water has been removed giving a more usable depth of around 6ft at 5 metres out. The centre of the lake is currently uncharted but is probably down to 7-8ft. This should allow more light to penetrate and encourage more weed growth which will benefit spawning. The new car park has settled down and is now a hard surface.

Work parties are planned and we would be very pleased to hear from any member who has building/construction experience plus own equipment to help renovate platforms.

Contact [Steve Penticost](#) if you can help.

### OUR RIVERS

**Our rivers are currently closed to coarse angling until 16th June.**

For those that fly fish; the following stretches of river may be fished from 3rd April.

River Rother: Coates, Shopham and Fittleworth

River Arun: Stopham and Watersfield

### WORK PARTY - 11th APRIL

We have a work party planned for Coultershaw on the 11th April. Martin our Coultershaw bailiff is planning to run this as a socially distanced event and any help will be gratefully received. The work party will start at 8.00am and he would appreciate people arriving a few minutes before this so everyone can be thoroughly briefed.

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