



LDAS NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2026

It's not over yet. . . .

We are still taking steps to protect our fisheries during this hot weather, and your continued support is very much appreciated.

1. LONG COPSE: Both ponds currently open for fishing
2. ASHTED PARK: BOTH LAKES are now **CLOSED** due to poor water levels until further notice.
3. The SPLASH is open for fishing.
4. RIVER MOLE from Young Street to Mickleham Bridge is **CLOSED** for fishing.
Anyone found disregarding this temporary closure will be asked to leave the club.

You may be aware, the EA came to Young Street with a squad of 25 EA staff and carried out a fish rescue over two days. The fish were transported in tanks further upstream to deeper waters, where they will stand a better chance of survival. Several TV crews also visited the site and were keen to broadcast the 'rescue'. Dave Webb and Harry Hicks from the EA were interviewed.

Paul Fidgeon, from our committee, has been working closely with River Mole Riverwatch, who have also been instrumental in advising how best to keep our river sustainable.

The river is still closed until further notice.

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Stuart and Chris Stafford led a working party in August on a major project on the bottom lake at Long Copse to repair the leak in the outlet. This will ensure the water levels will remain stable. They also started to dredge the inlet on the Top Pond next to the 'bridge' behind the 'suicide swim'. This is ongoing, and we have asked the Council for funds to install a new bridge with hand-rails. Many thanks to Stuart and Chris for their dedication and hard work in making our waters safe and secure for our members.

NEW FISHERY ACCESS: Since we lost the arrangement with Willinghurst, we have been looking to form a new partnership with another fishery. Our thanks to member Kevin Cousins for putting us in touch with Tillingbourne Fisheries in Abinger Hammer. Tillingbourne has Frog Island Lake, a good size coarse fishing lake set in a quiet area, and stocked with silvers, roach, tench, perch and various sizes of carp. We have negotiated an offer for our members of £5 per day ticket, (half-price) and £13 per night visit from 1st September. (T&C's apply). A maximum of four members per day will be allowed to visit, and booking is via the Clubmate App or LDAS website. We hope this new initiative will be a welcome benefit for you all.

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- **'Parents of junior members are politely reminded that under 12's may only fish on our waters if supervised by a responsible adult at all times.'** The **responsible adult** MUST be 18 years minimum to supervise any member under 12. **THIS WILL BE ENFORCED BY OUR BAILIFFS**

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As all members are aware, **Anti-Social behaviour** at any of our waters will not be tolerated. There is the Incident Report found on the App to send a report to our bailiffs, but the committee have introduced a faster way of alerting us of anti-social behaviour by calling a dedicated phone number where immediate action can be taken. This number is **07395 835986** It can also be found on the App. in a new Icon called **ANTI-SOCIAL REPORTING**

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CLUB MATCHES FOR SEPTEMBER:

1. **Friday September 4th - EVENING MATCH LONG COPSE - DRAW:**
5.00pm MATCH: 5.30pm to 8.30pm NO BOOKING REQUIRED
2. **Saturday Sept. 19th Sumners Ponds DRAW: 8.30am MATCH: 10.00am to 4.00pm £20 BOOK NOW**
3. **Wednesday Sept. 30th Sumners Ponds DRAW: 8.30am MATCH: 10.00am to 4.00pm £20 BOOK NOW**

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CRAYFISH

It is illegal to put a live signal crayfish back into any UK water if you catch one. Best thing to do is remove it away from the body of water and crush it and leave for wildlife. Or use the tail meat to catch perch.

Do remember to fully sanitise your kit as any egg can stay alive out of water for a considerable time and are easily transferred from water to water! *Craig Duckham*

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