



NEWSLETTER

JULY 2025

Heatwaves can be viewed as a good thing or a bad thing, depending on what you get out of them. Sunbathers love them, but the environment around us including animals, woodlands, rivers and lakes are greatly affected, and not in a good way. **PLEASE** fish responsibly, especially in this hot weather. Do not keep fish out of water for more than 30 seconds, and handle as little as possible.

Make sure your un-hooking mat is wet before you put the fish on it - dropping the landing net over it helps before you un-hook.

Do not 'tug' on the fish when reeling in. 'Play' a large fish and land them gently into the landing net. Of course, **BREAD** and **FLOATING BAIT** is not allowed at any time.

Here is a brief reminder of some of our essential Rules;

Recent bailiff patrols at Long Copse have revealed that some reminder of the fishery rules is called for, so members are respectfully reminded of the following requirements when fishing at Long Copse:-

- ***Bread or any floating bait may not be used***
- ***Ground bait cannot be used – just a modest quantity of free offerings***
- ***Barbed hooks are not to be used nor any hook larger than size 8***
- ***Only one rod (which must not be left unattended) to be used at any one time***
- ***You must have a suitable landing net and unhooking mat in your swim***
- ***Keepnets may only be used in published matches***

If a member would like to talk to a bailiff or a coach about the correct tackle, please ask.

SWIM MANAGEMENT – When fishing on ponds such as Long Copse where some 'swims' are close to each other, please remember to fish within the limits of that swim – i.e not 20 feet to the left or right of you. Cast directly in front, and to **NO MORE THAN HALF WAY BETWEEN YOU AND THE ADJOINING SWIMS**. This also applies to 'feeding' a swim. **DO NOT** encroach on next door's swim. They do not want your bait.

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Our recent **Work Party** days on the river and at Ashted Park have not been well attended, which is a shame, as help was promising earlier in the season.

Your help to keep our waters clean and safe is very much needed, and we are reliant on members helping out. Please bear this in mind when the next date is approaching in July.

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Our popular **Parent / Junior** match – is to be held this year on Sunday **27th July**. Do book early. Trophy and prizes are up for grabs. The senior can be a relative/friend etc. as long as they are a member. <https://www.leatherheadangling.co.uk/match-booking-form-24-25/>

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Thanks to everyone who completed our recent **Members Survey**. We had a very good response, and we will be writing to you with the results very soon.

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The **River Mole** at this time of year in this weather is very low and clear – not ideal conditions. There are a few deeper channels between Pressforward and Mickleham Bridge, but good swims are not always easy to spot. If you do manage to find fish please send a photograph of your specimen so we can keep track of what is being caught.

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Friday Evening Summer Matches. These ‘friendly’ matches are for just two hours and a great chance to bond with other members. (Minimum age 17). All dates available [here](#) – no booking required.

Tight lines

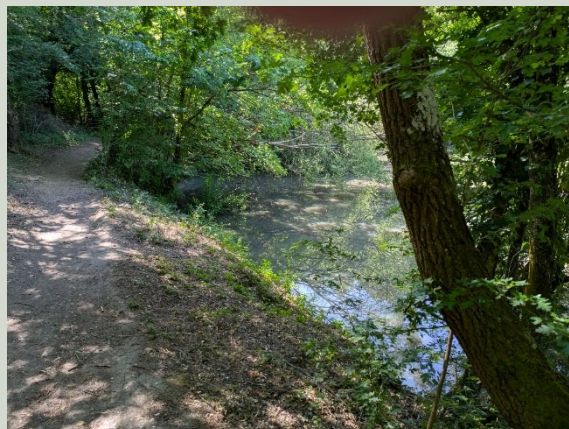
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Some recent work carried out at the Ashted Park work party.



Cleared entrance to A24 green gate



Removed fallen tree from Rookery path