

# VERULAM ANGLING CLUB



RULES & FISHERIES  
GUIDE BOOK 2026

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# **WARNING**

**VERULAM ANGLING CLUB CAN ACCEPT NO  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACCIDENT, INJURY,  
LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PERSONS, VEHICLES,  
PROPERTY OR EQUIPMENT WHILST ON  
VERULAM ANGLING CLUB FISHERIES**

All club waters are private property. Every person whether an authorised member, invited or otherwise whilst on the said property is there entirely at their own risk and must be deemed to take the said property with everything thereon as they find it and shall not have or make any claim for injury or damage against the clubs landlords ( as listed from time to time on the Certificate of Membership), the Verulam Angling Club, its members or its agents however such injury or damage may be occasioned and whether or not such injury or damage is in any way whatsoever due to any negligent act, breach of duty, default and / or omission on the part of the Club's landlords (as listed from time to time on the Certificate of Membership), the Verulam Angling Club, its members or agents. All persons are only allowed to be on the said property upon the distinct understanding that they do so upon the distinct understanding that they do so at their own risk.

We therefore insist that all members should access the Verulam Angling Clubs Risk Assessment page on the website and read thoroughly the specific fisheries and general risk assessments associated with our fisheries.

**Hon Secretary 2026**

# **PLEASE NOTE!**

**MEMBERS SHOULD READ THROUGH THE RULES HEREWITH AND QUERY WITH THE SECRETARY ANYTHING THAT THEY ARE UNCERTAIN ABOUT.**

MEMBERS SHOULD CARRY THIS RULE BOOK AND ALL ASSOCIATED MEMBERSHIP DOCUMENTS INCLUDING A VALID EA ROD LICENSE WHEN VISITING ANY OF THE CLUBS FISHERIES OR YOU MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE.

A new ruling from the Club, introduced during Covid 19 times, is for members to display their membership card and Environment Agency fishing licence in a clear plastic wallet or bag attached with a twist tie or something similar, to the back of their chair or tackle box.

Originally, during Covid, this was to prevent contamination if the bailiff were to handle your paperwork (or vice versa) but the Fisheries Management Team (FMT) decided that to reduce the amount of time our bailiffs spend on the fishery checking cards, this practise would continue. Our fishery officers and bailiffs, contrary to some belief ! do not get paid for that job and so therefore wish to spend the least amount of time on the fishery as possible checking memberships.

Thank you.

## **PRIVACY STATEMENT**

In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations (2018)  
known as GDPR (2018)

The Club make the following statement regarding your privacy in regard to the data we hold.

The Verulam Angling Club (St Albans) Ltd retain your data throughout your membership and will communicate with you via e-mail if you have given us your e-mail address. We will post things to you only in direct relation to your membership or its renewal.

We will assume that by giving your e-mail address that you are happy to receive e-mails from us. If you are not please unsubscribe using the link available on all e-mails sent to you. This will in no way affect your membership but may mean that you miss out on some urgent communications.

The Verulam Angling Club (St Albans) Ltd promises never to sell or pass your data to a third party for any reason at all.

When you join the Club you will be asked to agree or not to us contacting you. You may change your preferences at any time by contacting the Secretary. If you have any further questions in relation to GDPR or the Data we hold please contact the Secretary.

# HEALTH AND SAFETY

## WEIL'S DISEASE (LEPTOSPIROSIS)

### DON'T LET IT HAPPEN TO YOU !

WEIL'S DISEASE is a bacterial infection carried in rats urine which contaminates water and the banks of lakes, rivers canals and ponds. It is a serious disease in human beings that requires hospital treatment and may cause death or disability.

The early symptoms are very similar to flu and covid and normally start three to 19 days after exposure to contaminated water. Every year people die from this disease which is unnecessary because it is easily treated if diagnosed in time.

There are a number of precautions you can take:

- Cover any cuts, sores or scratches with waterproof plasters or gloves.
- Disinfect any wounds that occur at the waterside.
- Wash your hands (in clean water) and cover food with a wrapper before you eat.
- Do not put your hands in your mouth after immersing in fishery water and never place bait or fishing line in your mouth.
- Do not touch dead animals, especially rats.
- If you develop flu or covid like symptoms that persist, please tell your doctor that you may have been exposed to Leptospirosis so that he or she can consider it in the diagnosis.
- Do not leave food, groundbait or bait on the bankside which will attract rats.

# **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

## **LOOK OUT ! – LOOK UP !**

### **ADVICE ON SAFE FISHING NEAR OVERHEAD ELECTRIC POWER LINES**

Several people have died and others have been seriously injured whilst using carbon fibre rod and poles near overhead power lines. The following advice is designed to prevent these events happening.

Because rods and poles containing carbon fibre conduct electricity, they are particularly dangerous when used near overhead electric power lines. Remember that electricity can jump gaps and a rod does not even have to touch an electric line to cause a lethal current flow.

Many overhead electric power lines are supported by wood poles which could be mistaken for telegraph poles. These overhead lines may carry electricity up to 132,000 volts.

The height of high voltage overhead power lines can be as low as 5 metres and they are therefore within easy reach of carbon fibre rod or pole. Remember that overhead power lines may not be readily visible from the ground. They may be concealed by hedges or by a dark background. Make sure you “look out” and “look up” to check for overhead lines before fishing begins.

Finally, remember that it is dangerous for any object to get too close to overhead electric power lines, particularly if the object is an electrical conductor, eg. A lead cored fishing line or damp fishing line or rod.

# OBTAINING GUEST TICKETS

Members may take a guest fishing on all our fisheries except Marford Farm where it is strictly members only. There may be seasonal exceptions when guest tickets will not be available such as the start of the new season and busy periods but these will be notified by e-news and will be posted on the website.

Guest Ticket - £10 (no concessions)

Overnight Guest Ticket - £20 (no concessions)

Only one guest ticket will be available per member apart from the Great Ouse fisheries where you can have more than one.

Members are required to obtain the guest ticket for their guest and are responsible for them at all times. Please ensure that they are familiar with the rules before fishing.

Obtaining guest tickets can be made via the following options.....

## **Online via the club's website**

Please note that payment has to be made prior to the guest ticket being issued so please read the notes carefully and allow plenty of time.

## **Tackle Shops**

Verulam Tackle – St.Albans tel. 01727 861777

Tackle Shack – Hemel Hempstead tel. 01442 262368

## **VAC Contacts**

Barry Killinger (St. Albans): tel. 07966 394717

Mark Jones (Luton): tel. 07956 331707

## **Verulam Trout (part of VAC)**

There are additional fees to trout fish club waters.

Trout fishing season permits: please email [trout@verulam-angling.co.uk](mailto:trout@verulam-angling.co.uk) for details of season permits.

VAC Member Day and Guest trout fishing tickets: there are no sales in the first two weeks of the trout seasons. Please contact one of the following.

- Bob Ring: tel. 07747 795334 / email [bobring@btinternet.com](mailto:bobring@btinternet.com)
- Richard Russell: tel. 07800 752512 (best time – early evening)

## **Fishers Green Consortium Fisheries only**

Andy Munday: tel. 07831 637731

## **Turnford Consortium Fisheries only**

Andy Munday: tel. 07831 637731

# WORKING PARTIES

Please note that our working party period for the year starts from 13th April 2026 and finishes 11th April 2027.

Dates of working parties will be periodically published via enews.

Although the membership year starts on the 16<sup>th</sup> June, we will start to renew memberships on or about the 2<sup>nd</sup> May each year so at that point we will know who has done a working party to avoid paying a working party donation which will be added to their subscription renewal.

If you wish to attend a working party you must always text the respective fishery manager of that particular fishery to book in.

*DO NOT JUST TURN UP AT A WORKING PARTY WITHOUT  
BOOKING AS YOU WILL BE TURNED AWAY*

**Please make sure you take along your membership card so that it can be stamped. You will also listen to a short statement about Heath and Safety by the working party leader and asked to sign an attendance list that you understand all the health and safety criteria associated with the said working party.**

# CLUB COMPETITIONS

The club has a very active match group and there is **at least one match a week** every week of the year. We fish both home and away waters.

All anglers are very welcome regardless of age, ability or experience. The cost to participate mainly depends upon whether we are at home or away but and ranges between a minimum of £11 and a maximum of £25. The payouts are generously distributed and roughly 40% of competitors should pick up a brown envelope.

Our match calendar includes;

Fourteen Sunday Championship matches run every fortnight from June to December.

A six match Silvers League run between February and April.

A six match home water only Evening League run during the summer months.

Once a month on the first Thursday there is a match at Riverside Road (Mar to Dec)

Once a month on the third Thursday there is a match a match at Frogmore (Jan to Dec)

Every Tuesday of the year there is a match rotating between home and away waters.

Match results are published informally and often with mugshots on our Facebook match page and more formally on the club website so you can be sure of always having access to all the weights and finishing positions and where applicable points totals.

## Facebook – *Verulam Angling Club – Match Section*

All matches are well attended and must be booked onto in advance with the relevant organiser

### **The Match Organising Committee.**

Dave McGrath – [07948 971895](tel:07948971895) (Championship and League matches)

Richard McCorry – [07930 187723](tel:07930187723) (Championship and League matches)

Simon George – [07917 198684](tel:07917198684) (Tuesday matches)

Clive Bailey – [07779 486228](tel:07779486228) (Thursday Matches)

Mark Brown – [07905 650033](tel:07905650033) General enquiries

Brian Lakin [07771 686878](tel:07771686878) General enquiries

### **Smallford Annual pairs Carp Competition ( Matt Mills memorial Cup)**

This competition is run separately from the main match section committee and organised by the Smallford Management Team.

Has been run for many years now the whole event organised over three separate weekends (see fixtures) raises a lot of money for the Rennie Grove Hospice. Sponsored by the Tackle Shack in Hemel Hempstead this competition is now a firm favourite amongst many of the clubs members.

Details of this event are published via enews as soon as arrangements have been finalised.

## FIXTURE LIST 2026 - 27

|         |                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                            |
|---------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| June    | 4 <sup>th</sup> .                   | Frogmore Evening League                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 5-9pm                      |
|         | 11 <sup>th</sup>                    | Riverside Road Evening League                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 5-9pm                      |
|         | 14 <sup>th</sup>                    | Riverside Road                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 7am-4pm                    |
|         | • 17 <sup>th</sup>                  | <b>Riverside Masonic Event</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>7am – 3pm</b>           |
|         | 18 <sup>th</sup> .                  | Smallford Evening League                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 5-9pm                      |
|         | 25 <sup>th</sup> .                  | Frogmore Evening League                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 5-9pm                      |
|         | 28 <sup>th</sup>                    | Smallford                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 7am-4pm                    |
| July    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> .                   | Riverside Road Evening League                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 5-9pm                      |
|         | 10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Smallford Carp Competition (1<sup>st</sup> Heat)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Times to be advised</b> |
|         | 12 <sup>th</sup> .                  | Puddledock                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Draw 8am                   |
|         | 16 <sup>th</sup> .                  | Frogmore Evening League                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 5-9pm                      |
|         | 26 <sup>th</sup> .                  | Albans Match Lake                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Draw 8am                   |
| August  | 9 <sup>th</sup> .                   | Gobians Lake                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Draw 8am                   |
|         | 14 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Smallford Carp Competition (2<sup>nd</sup> Heat)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Times to be advised</b> |
|         | 23 <sup>rd</sup> .                  | Twin Lakes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Draw 8am                   |
| Sept.   | 6 <sup>th</sup> .                   | Frogmore                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 7am-4pm                    |
|         | 11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Smallford Carp Competition (Final)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Times to be advised</b> |
|         | • 16 <sup>th</sup> .                | <b>Riverside Masonic Event</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>7am – 3pm</b>           |
|         | 20 <sup>th</sup> .                  | Alders Farm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Draw 8am                   |
| October | 4 <sup>th</sup> .                   | Twin Lakes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Draw 8am                   |
|         | 18 <sup>th</sup> .                  | Smallford                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 7am-4pm                    |
| Nov.    | 1 <sup>st</sup> .                   | Frogmore                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 7am – 4pm                  |
|         | 15 <sup>th</sup> .                  | Southend Farm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Draw 8am                   |
|         | 29 <sup>th</sup>                    | Castle Lake                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Draw 8am                   |
| Dec.    | 13 <sup>th</sup> .                  | Riverside Road                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 7am-4pm                    |
|         | •                                   | Masonic Events are charitable days for disabled and disadvantage children.<br>These days are well organised and the club is privileged to hold such events.<br>If you would like to help out and become a 'Caster' at these events please<br>contact the club secretary for further information. |                            |

Tuesday matches will be held at Frogmore on the first Tuesday of every month and at Riverside on the third Tuesday. Additional matches may be held at Riverside Road and Frogmore on Thursdays although the waters will not be fully closed for these matches. Full details of all matches and water closures are notified to the membership via a weekly eNews. Please make sure that the Club has an up-to-date email address for you so as you do not miss out on this vital information.

## VERULAM ANGLING CLUB GENERAL RULES – 2025

Please refer to fishery maps for fishery specific rules.

1. These rules are adopted for the purpose of the regulation of the Club known as the "Verulam Angling Club (St Albans)" to be administered by Verulam Angling Club St Albans Limited (hereinafter called "the Company").
2. The objects of the Company are set out in the Memorandum of Association of the Company.
3. The headquarters of the Company shall be at The Riverside Road Fishery, St Albans.

### 4. General Committee

- (a) The General Committee (GC) shall be responsible for the management of the Club, supported by the Club Officers.
- (b) The GC will consist of ten Directors i.e. GC Chairman, five Standing Sub-Committee Chairmen and Directors for Communications, Junior Coaching and two representing the Club membership. All Directors will also act as Company Directors.
- (c) The GC will be supported by the following standing sub-committees:
  - Disciplinary.
  - Fisheries Management.
  - Matches.
  - Verulam Trout.
  - Members Events.
  - Other sub-committees may be appointed by the GC as appropriate.
- (d) Standing sub-committees will nominate a chairman for election at the AGM who will represent the Standing sub-committee at the GC meeting and will be a Company Director.
- (e) Directors may chair more than one sub-committee.
- (f) Directors shall be elected by the Club membership in accordance with rule 6.
- (g) The GC Chairman will be nominated annually by the GC and ratified by the members at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- (h) The GC will nominate a Vice Chairman from within the GC.
- (i) In the event of the Chairman having a conflict of interest on a GC matter they shall stand aside, and the Vice Chairman will chair the GC for that item.
- (j) The GC will be supported by six Officers: namely the Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Fisheries Manager, Assistant Fisheries Manager and IT Manager. Their remit will be decided by the GC.
- (k) Officers may speak in GC debates but may not vote on any issue.
- (l) The Honorary President and Vice-President(s) may speak in GC debates but may not vote on any issue.
- (m) The GC, by resolution, shall temporarily replace (until the following AGM) any Director or Officer who fails to attend three consecutive meetings without good reason. The replacement Director shall not have the same powers as elected Directors.

- (n) The GC will normally meet once a month, but five directors may call for a special meeting.
- (o) Five directors shall form a quorum for any GC meeting.
- (p) Members of the GC, sub-committees and Officers who are officials of another club must declare such an interest to the Club Secretary.
- (q) The GC shall recommend an Honorary Club President and Vice-President(s) for ratification at the AGM.

## **5. Standing Sub-Committees**

### **(a) General requirements**

- Any expenditure incurred by the GC, Directors, Officers, and sub-committees shall be contained within the annual budget submitted by the Treasurer and approved by the GC.
- Each sub-committee shall provide to the Club Treasurer financial statements as appropriate.
- Each sub-committee shall report its decisions to the GC.
- All sub-committees may co-opt other members as appropriate for no longer than one year.

### **(b) Disciplinary**

- The Disciplinary sub-committee shall consist of six members.
- The sub-committee shall be responsible for the adjudication of all matters of discipline passed to it by the Club Secretary and Fisheries Management Team. The committee will work to the Disciplinary Policy and Procedures Manual as approved by the GC. All outcomes of the sub-committee shall be reported in writing to the GC.
- The Disciplinary sub-committee (elected and co-opted) shall consist of a sufficient number of members to form a hearing committee. Five members will form a hearing committee as stipulated in the Procedures Manual.

### **(c) Fisheries Management**

- The Fisheries Management Team (FMT) shall consist of one fishery manager representing each of the Club's fisheries and their appointment shall be agreed by the GC.
- All fishery managers are responsible to the Club's Fisheries Manager and Assistant Fisheries Manager.
- The FMT shall be responsible to all business relating to the maintenance of fisheries controlled by the Club and report its decisions to the GC.

### **(d) Matches**

- The Matches sub-committee shall consist of six members responsible for the arrangement and conduct of all competitions in the name of the Club.

### **(d) Verulam Trout**

- The Verulam Trout sub-committee shall consist of six members responsible for the administration of trout and fly fishing on club waters.

### **(e) Members Events**

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- The Members Events sub-committee shall consist of six members responsible for the organisation and co-ordination of all events held in the name of the Club.

**6. Election of GC Directors and Sub-Committee Members**

- (a) All Directors and sub-committee members shall be elected for a period of two years at the Club AGM. All are eligible for re-election. Except for the Junior and Membership representative Directors shall be elected annually at the AGM.
- (b) Officers will be appointed by the GC and their position ratified at the AGM.
- (c) Any member nominated as a Director on the GC, or member of a standing committee, must be a guaranteeing member and nominated by two guaranteeing members. Nominations can also be made at the AGM providing the nominee is present at the meeting.
- (d) If there are more candidates for election than vacancies for the relevant position a ballot shall be held at the AGM. In the event of equality of votes, the successful candidate shall be determined by lot. If the number of candidates is equal to, or less than, the number of vacancies, such candidates shall be deemed to be elected. Two guaranteeing members shall be appointed as scrutineers at the AGM.

**7. Membership**

- (a) Membership applicants shall complete an application form from the Club website, Membership Secretary, or recognised agents (e.g. tackle shops) and return it, with payment, to the Membership Secretary. Electronic payment methods are available as provided for on the Club website.
- (b) Membership of the Club shall be entered in the Club database, compliant with the relevant data protection legislation, in the following classes:
  - Guaranteeing members (including Senior Adults, Concessionary, Joint, Life Memberships and Free Memberships).
  - Junior members.
  - Honorary members.
  - Non-fishing Guardian members.
- (c) Guaranteeing members shall be members of the Club in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association until they cease to be a member. All guaranteeing members shall be deemed to have applied for membership of the Club in accordance with the Articles of Association. Junior members shall be under the age of 18 years but will not be guaranteeing members.
- (d) The Club will not tolerate any offensive behaviour to Directors, Officers, or members, nor will it discriminate on the grounds of race, gender, sexuality, disability, religious, political belief, or age.
- (e) All members are subject to the Disciplinary code of the Club, copies of which are available from the Secretary.
- (f) The membership year shall be from 16th June to 15th June (inclusive) the following year.

## **8. Subscriptions and Fees**

- (a) The GC will recommend the membership categories, annual subscriptions and other fees and charges to the AGM. Payment shall entitle members to all the privileges of membership of the Club.
- (b) Children aged under 13 may fish free of charge under the direct supervision of an adult without the need to register as a Club member. If the adult is not a Club member they can, for an annual fee to be determined by the GC, take up a non-fishing Guardian membership. Such members will not be a guaranteeing member. The GC will, as necessary, set out additional requirements for this membership category.
- (c) Additional fees are payable for trout fishing permits. The fees are set by the Verulam Trout Committee, subject to GC approval. Trout fishing will be available to all club members providing a "permit to fish" is obtained from the Verulam Trout sub-committee Secretary or designated permit sellers before fishing.

## **9. Club Administration**

- (a) Amendments to Rules: These Rules may be amended at any General Meeting by a Resolution approved by a majority of those present and entitled to vote. Notice of such General Meeting giving details of the proposed amendment shall be given in writing to all members at least 14 days prior to the meeting. All notices of motion for the AGM must be sent in writing to the Secretary by the last day of February. Amendments to these motions must be with the Secretary 14 days prior to the AGM. No notice of motion shall proceed at General Meetings unless the proposer and seconder are present.
- (b) Temporary rules: The GC may make, or approve, any rule deemed to be necessary for the proper running, conduct or welfare of the Club. Any such rule shall cease at the following AGM.
- (c) Interpretation of Rules: the GC shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the rules. The decision of the GC upon any question of interpretation of any matter affecting the Club not provided for by the rules shall be final and binding upon the Club membership.
- (d) Special General Meetings by Members: A Special General Meeting may be called by a requisition notice signed by forty guaranteeing members. Twenty signatories must attend, or the meeting will fall. The subject matter of the requisition notice will be the only item on the agenda. Any such Special General Meeting must be called within six weeks of the GC receiving the notice.
- (e) Continuation of the Club: Should there at any time be less than 40 paid guaranteeing members on the books of the Club a special meeting shall be called to consider what action shall be taken.

## **FISHERY RULES**

### **1. Conduct of Members**

- (a) Any member who is found to have wilfully left litter on any fishery may be expelled for life. Members will be always responsible for the removal of all litter in their swims.
- (b) No member shall cut or damage trees or other vegetation, light fires or dig for bait.
- (c) All gates and barriers must be locked, both on entering and leaving the club's fisheries.
- (d) No persons are allowed on club waters, except for Club officials, outside of the permitted fishing times which are clearly listed in the Club Rules and Fisheries Guidebook.

- (e) Baited rods will not under any circumstances be left unattended, and when retrieved, the hook must be bared and secured to prevent accidents.
- (f) The number of rods to be used on any fishery is clearly listed in the Club Rules and Fisheries Guidebook. Where 2 rods are permitted a maximum of 2 metres between rods.
- (g) No angler may fish within ten yards of another angler without that angler's permission, except on permanently pegged swims.
- (h) Any person found to be intoxicated to the extent that, in the opinion of a Club Officer or Bailiff, they are unable to fish safely, will be asked to immediately vacate the fishery and may be subject to subsequent disciplinary action.
- (i) Any member found on club waters in possession of any unauthorised offensive weapon, will be liable to disciplinary action.
- (j) All members shall produce all their membership documents and Environment Agency licence on request and members not doing so may be asked to leave the fishery at the discretion of the Bailiff. Bailiffs will have full power to inspect the tackle, including terminal tackle, of any member on Verulam Angling Club waters without redress. All adult members are empowered to function as honorary bailiffs.
- (k) Any member found guilty of unsportsmanlike and / or inappropriate behaviour, including abuse to Bailiffs or Fishery Officers, infringement of any club or fishery rule, or any act that may interfere or cause offence to other members or guests, may be subject to disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the Disciplinary Committee.
- (l) Tackle must not be left unattended in a swim for more than two hours in any 24-hour period, commencing at the time of leaving the swim (for the sake of clarity, tackle is unattended if you are not immediately adjacent to your rods).
- (m) Where Club rules allow dogs on fisheries, the member / owner is responsible for the dog's actions and is required to keep them under control in close proximity at all times.
- (n) Suitable unhooking mats are compulsory on all fisheries and should be ready for use whilst fishing (except for Trout fishing). Please be aware that unhooking mats may be provided on some fisheries. Refer to the Club Rules and Fisheries Guidebook for further advice and size limits.
- (o) All vehicles must keep to the officially designated parking areas unless on authorised Club business. There is a 10-mph speed limit on all fisheries.

## **2. Fish and Fisheries**

- (a) Any member found guilty of removing fish, or conspiring to remove fish, or introduction of any fish into VAC fisheries, will be subject to disciplinary action and may be charged by the Environment Agency for poaching, or introducing fish without a license.
- (b) The minimum size for keep-nets to be used on club waters shall not be less than an average width of 450mm and not less than 2.5 metres in depth. Some fisheries have a total ban on keep-nets but are supplied for use in matches. Please refer to the Club Rules and Fisheries Guidebook for advice on the use of keep-nets.
- (c) Special regulations associated with the use of keep-nets may be made by the Fisheries Manager at any time in the interests of the welfare of the Club's fisheries.

- (d) Pike fishing will only be permitted from October 1st until March 31st. Minimum 15lbs breaking strain line when pike fishing.
- (e) The use of live bait is prohibited except on the club's river venues (except Marford Farm and Leasey Bridge).
- (f) All fish must be returned to the water alive during the coarse season, except for use as live-bait or dead-bait, of which a small number may be used, but only on the venue of capture. Only roach, rudd, dace, bleak, gudgeon, and minnows of 5" (12.8cm) or under in length may be used as live bait. When live baiting anglers may only use a single micro-barbed hook. Treble hooks are forbidden for use with live baits. All un-used fish to be returned alive. Trout may only be removed with a valid permit.
- (g) Live fish must not be transported more than five metres from place of capture unless the intention is for use as live-bait when live fish may be moved within the same fishery if contained within a purpose-designed, aerated live-bait container.
- (h) Members must have a suitable landing net made-up prior to commencement of fishing and to always have it with them. Refer to the Club Rules and Fisheries Guidebook for advice on minimum sizes and be aware that some fisheries supply landing nets (but not handles).
- (i) Only barbless or micro-barbed hooks may be used for coarse fishing on Club waters. Unless fishery specific rules instruct otherwise. Treble hooks may have one hook barbed. The use of 'Fixed Bolt Rigs' is banned on all fisheries.
- (j) The OMC 'Magic Twig' or any derivative of this product is not permitted for use on any of our fisheries.
- (k) Carp over 3lb, Grayling, Trout, Pike, and Barbel must not be retained in keep-nets except on Club approved matches or for the immediate obtaining of witnesses and verification of weight.
- (l) No boats are to be used on Club waters except for official Club business. This includes the use of bait boats.
- (m) A publicity ban is in place for Marford Farm. No reference to the location, club or other identifying factors may be published in any media form.

### **3. Night Fishing**

- (a) No noise or behaviour likely to cause a disturbance to other anglers between sunset and sunrise.
- (b) No camp to be set up. An angler's bivvy is the maximum permissible. No permanent lights to be used; a small torch for baiting up is allowed.
- (c) Only members 16 years of age and over may night fish unattended. All juniors under the age of sixteen to be accompanied by a senior member.
- (d) Night fishing is only permitted on waters as stated in the Club Rules and Fisheries Guidebook.
- (e) When pike fishing anglers are not permitted to be off their rods or asleep which would compromise the ability to respond instantly to any bite indication. Night fishing for Pike is not permitted. One hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset is permitted.

#### **4. Match Rules**

- (a) The Match sub-committee shall arrange all matches held in the name of the Club.
- (b) All Club cup competitions for the current season will be fished on the dates as shown in the fixture list.
- (c) Open matches shall not be arranged on Club waters without the agreement of the GC.
- (d) Weighing-in shall take place at such places as the Match sub-committee may determine. The sub-committee shall settle all disputes relating to matches.
- (e) The Club championship will be calculated on a point's basis with the member's best ten results during a season counting. In the event of a tie after ten results, the eleventh result shall be added to determine the Club Championship.
- (f) All Club competitions will be fished to the latest version of the Angling Trust Model Match Rules. Any variation to the rules must be announced to all competitors prior to the draw for pegs.
- (g) Members fishing on the venue of a match must vacate their swims by the draw time stated on the fixture list. Vacant swims may be used by non-match anglers subject to confirmation by the match organiser.
- (g) During the period that Riverside Road is closed for the trout season there should be a maximum of one match held on Ash's Lake at the Frogmore Fishery per week.

#### **5. Trout Fishing**

- (a) Trout fishing will only be in the designated areas at Bellows Mill and Riverside Road. The season dates will be determined by the Verulam Trout Committee and agreed by the GC.
- (b) Fishing is by artificial fly only. Each fly shall comprise of one hook only and must barbless or micro barbed. The maximum is three hooks per cast.
- (c) The daily limit is three fish. All rainbow trout caught must be killed and taken. Once the limit has been reached all fishing must cease. There is no catch and release except for brown trout which must be immediately returned. The fish limit will be determined by the Verulam Trout committee and may be amended from time to time.
- (d) The Verulam Trout Committee will determine any additional rules and advice for the conduct of fly fishing on Club waters which will be set out in the "Permit to fish." Such rules will be consistent with Club rules.
- (e) In addition to a valid VAC Membership Card and Environment Agency Fishing Licence members must also always have a "Permit to fish" in their possession whilst at the fisheries. Guests must also be in possession of an Accompanied Guest Permit and a current Environment Agency Fishing Licence.
- (f) The cost of the trout fishing permits shall be proposed annually at a meeting convened by the Verulam Trout Committee for that purpose and approved by the GC.
- (g) During the period that Riverside Road is closed for the trout season coarse angling should be permitted at Ford Lake Bellows Mill subject to the approval of the General Committee. All fish to be returned to the lake unless otherwise directed by the Fishery Manager.

## **6. New member inductions.**

- a) Marford Farm Fishery – All new members will be required to attend an induction at this fishery with the Fishery Manager or appointed person prior to fishing.

All new (including lapsed) members must contact the fishery manager to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet at the fishery.

No fishing is permitted prior to this induction.

- b) Junior Inductions – All new junior members, unless part of a joint membership, will be required to attend an Induction at Riverside Road Fishery prior to fishing at any venue. All new members should contact the Riverside Fishery Manager to arrange a mutually convenient meeting.

STRICTLY NO ACCESS  
TO THE FISHERY VIA  
BELLOWS MILL LANE.

Eaton Bray

WARNING  
NO FISHING PERMITTED WITHIN  
FENCED OFF AREA BELOW  
POWER CABLES

Bellows Mill Lane

Haring Road

### FORD LAKE

IS OUT OF BOUNDS TO ALL  
MEMBERS UNLESS PRIOR  
TROUT FISHING ARRANGEMENTS  
HAVE BEEN MADE.  
PLEASE CONTACT BOB RING  
FOR ALL ENQUIRIES  
REGARDING TROUT FISHING.

MILL LAKE  
(coarse)

FISHING PERMITTED  
ALONG RIVER OUZEL

Fishery Rules - To be read in conjunction with general club rules.

1. Fishing permitted all year except the river which is June 16th until March 14th inclusive.
2. Fishing Times -  
April to October - 4-00am till 11-00pm  
November to March - 6-00am till 9-00pm.
3. Fishing from pegged swims only.
4. Minimum size landing net - 18"
5. Unhooking mats are compulsory and should be a minimum size of 36" x 18" x 1" thick.  
Unhooking mats should be ready for use at all times.
6. Barbless hooks only.
7. Driving around the fishery is not allowed.



Toilet

Members  
Clubhouse

FORD LAKE  
(Trout)

This section of bank between Ford lake  
and the river may be closed during  
trout fishing season owing to health and  
safety issues.

Entrance  
Gate

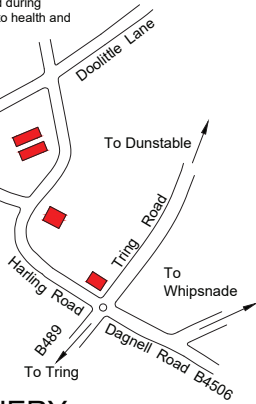
Edlesborough

Ford

Fishery Managers -

MILL LAKE (Coarse) - ANDY KARCZMAREK  
Tel. 07490 284989  
Email - andykarczmarek@gmail.com

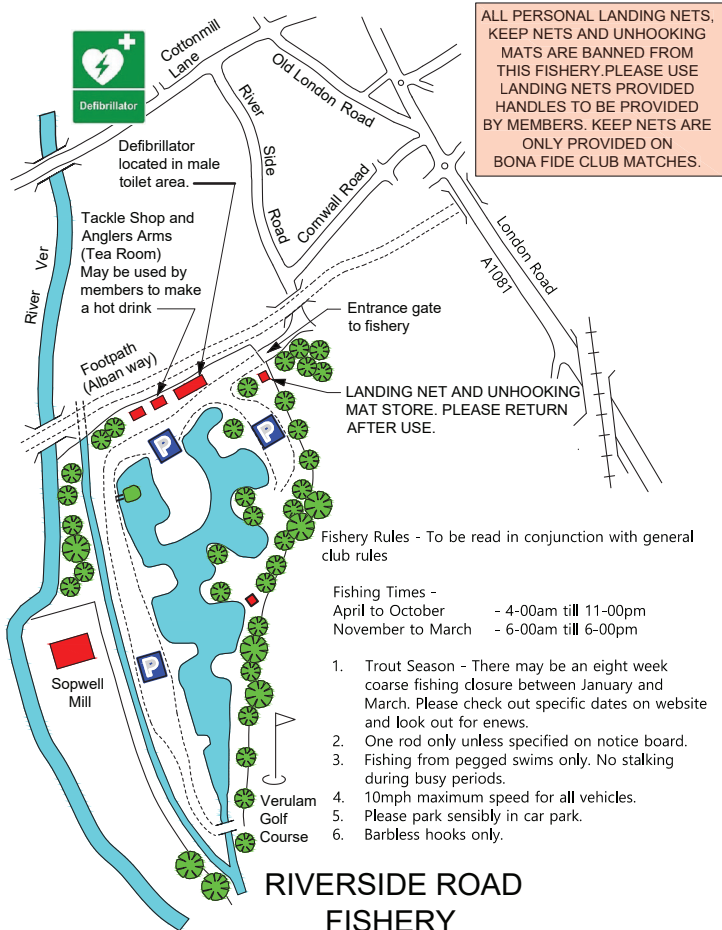
FORD LAKE (Trout) - BOB RING  
Tel. 07747 795334  
Email - bobring@btinternet.com



## BELLOWS MILL FISHERY EDLESBOROUGH

Post Code - LU6 2JB  
What 3 Words - ///repay.retraced.parsnips

Tench  
Roach  
Grass Carp  
Silver Bream  
Crucian Carp  
Rudd  
Perch



**Fishery Manager -**  
DAN PATRICK  
Tel. 07971 077532  
email -  
danielpatrick1972@gmail.com

Post Code - AL1 1SF  
What 3 Words - ///dull.inches.tens

Carp, F1's  
Brown Goldfish  
Tench  
Crucian Carp

Roach  
Perch  
Chub  
Bream

Fishery Rules - To be read in conjunction with general club rules

**Fishing Times -**

April to October

November to March

- 4-00am till 11-00pm

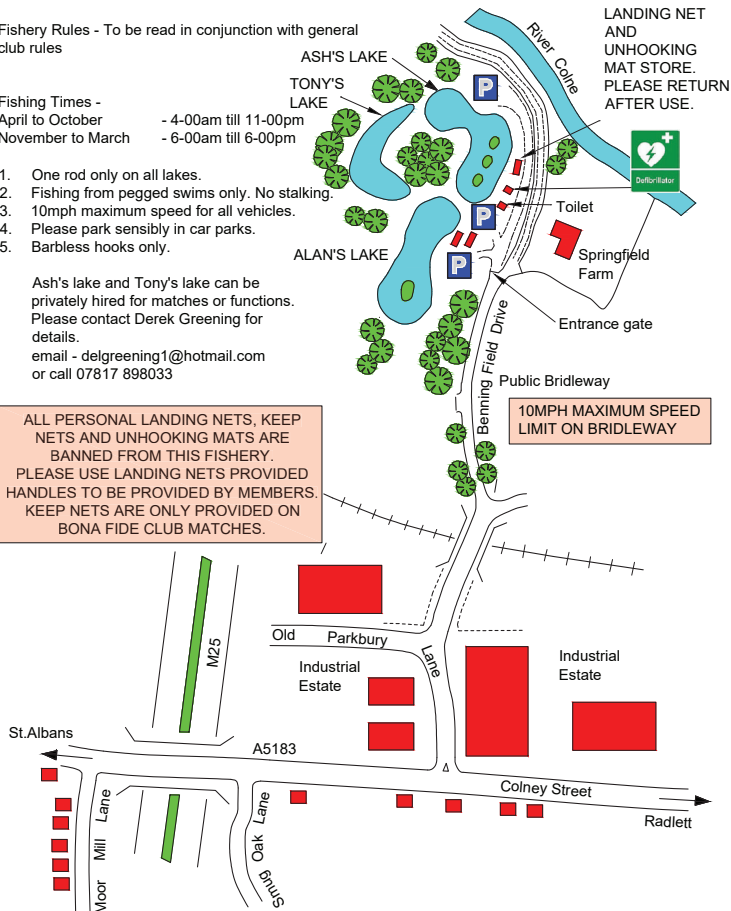
- 6-00am till 6-00pm

1. One rod only on all lakes.
2. Fishing from pegged swims only. No stalking.
3. 10mph maximum speed for all vehicles.
4. Please park sensibly in car parks.
5. Barbless hooks only.

Ash's lake and Tony's lake can be privately hired for matches or functions. Please contact Derek Greening for details.

email - [delgreening1@hotmail.com](mailto:delgreening1@hotmail.com)  
or call 07817 898033

ALL PERSONAL LANDING NETS, KEEP NETS AND UNHOOKING MATS ARE BANNED FROM THIS FISHERY. PLEASE USE LANDING NETS PROVIDED HANDLES TO BE PROVIDED BY MEMBERS. KEEP NETS ARE ONLY PROVIDED ON BONA FIDE CLUB MATCHES.



## FROGMORE FISHERY COLNEY STREET

Fishery Manager -  
ROB MAIDMENT

Tel. 07836 311304

Email -

[maidmentrkm@aol.com](mailto:maidmentrkm@aol.com)

Post Code - AL2 2DY

What 3 Words - ///buzz.motor.engage

Carp  
Tench  
F1's

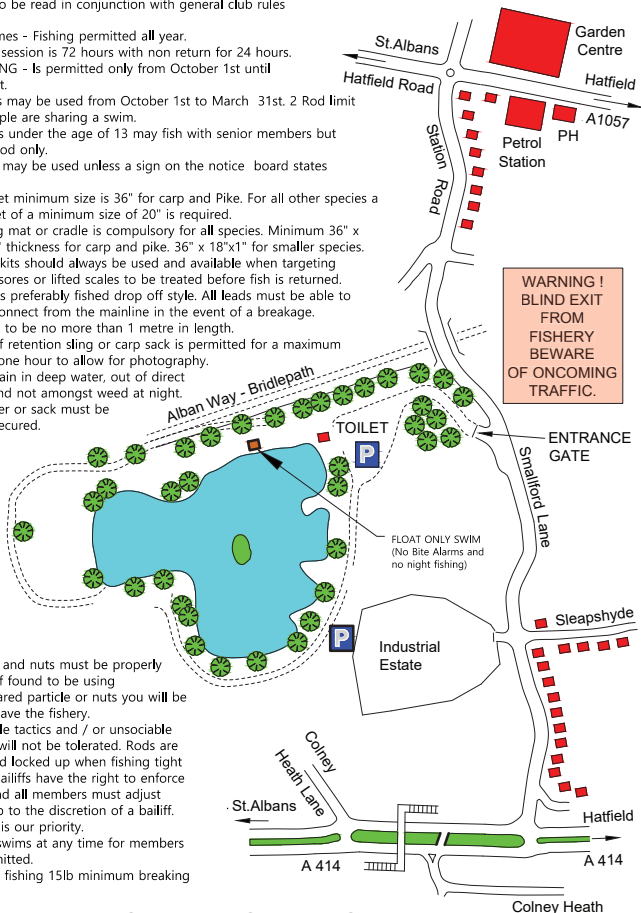
Brown Goldfish

Bream  
Rudd  
Perch  
Roach

**Fishery Rules - To be read in conjunction with general club rules**

1. Fishing Times - Fishing permitted **all** year.  
Maximum session is 72 hours with non return for 24 hours.  
**PIKE FISHING - Is permitted only from October 1st until March 31st.**
2. Three rods may be used from October 1st to March 31st. 2 Rod limit if two people are sharing a swim.
3. Youngsters under the age of 13 may fish with senior members but with one rod only.
4. Keep nets may be used unless a sign on the notice board states otherwise.
5. Landing net minimum size is 36" for carp and Pike. For all other species a landing net of a minimum size of 20" is required.
6. Unhooking mat or cradle is compulsory for **all** species. Minimum 36" x 24" and 2" thickness for carp and pike. 36" x 18"x1" for smaller species.
7. Carp care kits should **always** be used and **available** when targeting carp. Any sores or lifted scales to be treated before fish is returned.
8. Inline leads preferably fished drop off style. **All** leads must be able to easily disconnect from the mainline in the event of a breakage.
9. **All** leaders to be no more than 1 metre in length.
10. The use of retention sling or carp sack is permitted for a maximum period of one hour to allow for photography.  
Always retain in deep water, out of direct sunlight and not amongst weed at night.  
The retainer or sack must be properly secured.

11. All particle and nuts must be properly prepared. **If** found to be using underprepared particle or nuts you **will** be asked to leave the fishery.
12. Irresponsible tactics and / or unsociable behaviour **will** not be tolerated. Rods are to be fished **locked** up when fishing tight to snags. Bailiffs have the right to enforce this and **all** members must adjust their set up to the discretion of a bailiff.  
Fish safety is our priority.
13. Reserving swims at any time for members is not permitted.
14. When carp fishing 15lb minimum breaking strain.



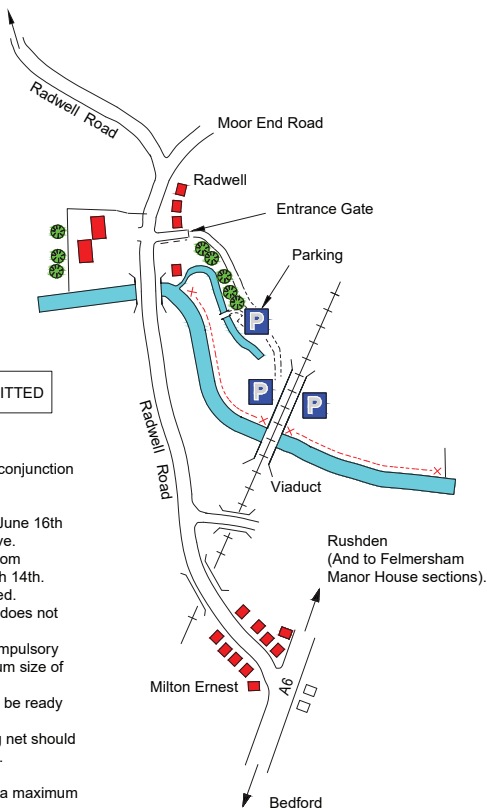
## SMALLFORD FISHERY ST. ALBANS

Fishery Manager -  
**DAVID CURRELL**  
Tel. 07984 104977

Post Code - AL4 0HB  
What 3 Words - ///shin.every.ample

|       |       |
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| Carp  | Bream |
| Pike  | Perch |
| Tench | Roach |
| Rudd  |       |

To Felmersham



X-----X FISHING PERMITTED

Fishery Rules - To be read in conjunction with general club rules

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2. Pike fishing permitted from October 31st until March 14th.
3. Night Fishing is permitted. (Booking not required. (does not include pike fishing).
4. Unhooking mats are compulsory and should be a minimum size of 36" x 18" x 1" thick. Unhooking mats should be ready for use at all times.
5. A suitable sized landing net should be available at all times.
6. Keepnets are allowed
7. Two rods may be used a maximum of 2 metres apart.

## RADWELL FISHERY

### RIVER GREAT OUSE

Fishery Manager -  
Andy Parsons  
Tel. - 07967 019841  
Email -  
snips619@msn.com

Post Code - MK44 1HU  
What 3 Words - ///unloading.steamed.speedy

Roach  
Barbel  
Chub  
Perch

Dace  
Pike  
Bream  
Gudgeon

## FISHERY RULES

ALL RULES AND REGS. TO BE ADHERED TO AT ALL TIMES AS PROVIDED BY WILLOWS FARM FISHERIES.

FOR FURTHER INFO SEE - [www.albanslakesofficial.co.uk](http://www.albanslakesofficial.co.uk)

ALL VAC MEMBERS WILL BE CHARGED £4 LESS THAN THE ADVERTISED TICKET PRICE WHICH MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO FISHING FROM THE TICKET MACHINE OUTSIDE THE SHOP.

24 HOUR SESSIONS AND MORE ARE TO BE BOOKED IN THE SHOP.

VERULAM MEMBERS MUST CARRY THEIR MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH THEM AT ALL TIMES.

OPENING TIMES -  
WINTER

- 1st NOV. TO 31st MARCH - 7am TO 6pm.

SUMMER

- 1st APRIL TO 31st OCTOBER - 7am TO 8pm.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

NO KEEP NETS EXCEPT ORGANISED MATCHES.

UNHOOKING MATS ARE COMPULSORY.

SUITABLE LANDING NET TO BE MADE UP AT ALL TIMES.

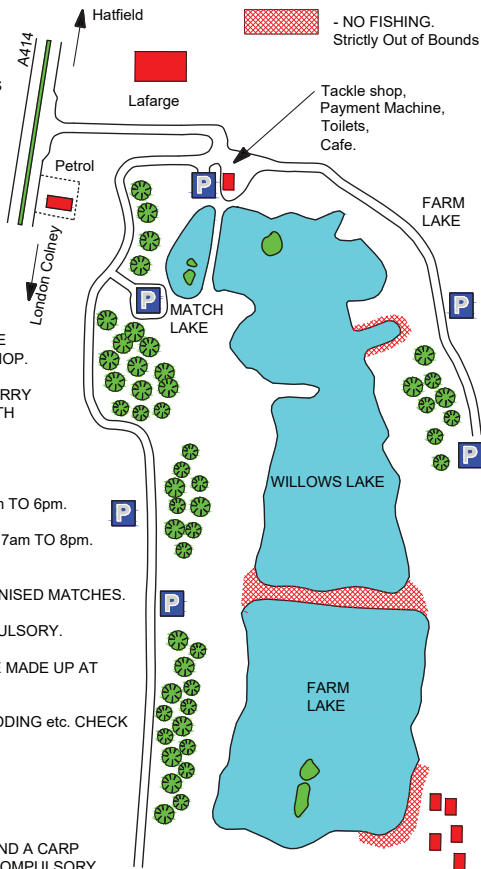
NO PARTICLE BAITS FOR SPODDING etc. CHECK RULES BEFORE FISHING.

MATCH LAKE

- ONE ROD ONLY

FARM LAKE

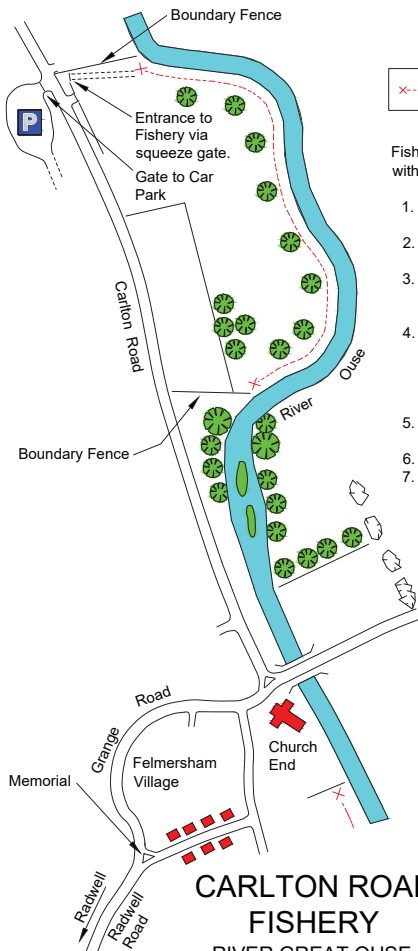
- MINIMUM 42" LANDING NET AND A CARP CRADLE OR CAPTIVE MAT IS COMPULSORY AT ALL TIMES.



## ALBANS LAKES LONDON COLNEY

Post Code - AL1 DRY  
What 3 Words - richer.tables.lush

Willows Farm  
Village



-----X FISHING PERMITTED

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5. A suitable sized landing net should be available at all times.
6. Keepnets are allowed
7. Two rods may be used a maximum of 2 metres apart.

## CARLTON ROAD FISHERY RIVER GREAT OUSE FELMERSHAM

Post Code - MK43 7JL  
What 3 Words - ///gain.nourished.annoy

Fishery Manager -  
Andy Parsons  
Tel. - 07967 019841  
Email -  
snips619@msn.com

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|--------|---------|
| Roach  | Dace    |
| Barbel | Pike    |
| Chub   | Bream   |
| Perch  | Gudgeon |

.....X FISHING PERMITTED

Fishery Rules - To be read in conjunction with general club rules

1. Fishing Times - Fishing permitted from June 16th until March 14th.  
June - September 4am till 12-00am  
October - March 6am till 12-00am
2. Landing Net minimum size - 18" (max.dim.)
3. Minimum size of unhooking mat - 36" x 18" x 1" and must be ready for use at all times.
4. Keep nets may be used unless a sign on the notice board states otherwise.

NO FISHING FROM THIS BANK



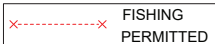
## LEASEY BRIDGE FISHERY WHEATHAMPSTEAD

Fishery Manager -  
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Email -  
alan712660@yahoo.co.uk

Post Code - AL4 8HP  
What 3 Words - ///price.send.transit

Barbel  
Roach  
Gudgeon  
Chub

Gudgeon  
Rudd  
Dace  
Carp  
Tench



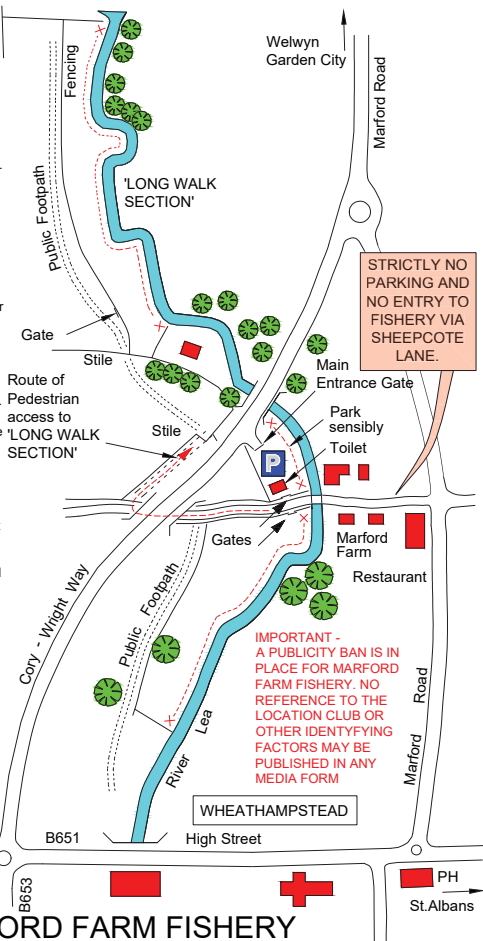
FISHING  
PERMITTED

Fishery Rules - To be read in conjunction with general club rules

1. Fishing Times - Fishing permitted from.....  
June 16th until March 14th.  
June - September 5am till 10-00pm.  
October - March 6am till 7-00pm.  
(These are on and off the fishery times)
2. Landing Net minimum size - 26" (max.dim.)  
In addition a smaller net may be used - 15" minimum.
3. Minimum size of unhooking mat - 36" x 18" x 1" and must be ready for use at all times.
4. No Keepnets.
5. Fishing from pegged swims only (Short Walk Only)
6. One rod only.
7. Purpose made barbless hooks only.
8. No Bite Alarms.
9. No Dogs unless they are assistance dogs with prior written permission obtained.
10. No guest permits. Strictly members only and no non-fishing guests.
11. No braided main line or hook links.
12. One adult member per swim. (Adult and one junior member permitted).
13. No wading
14. No access between swims. Reeded area's strictly out of bounds.

**IMPORTANT -**  
PRIOR TO FISHING, ALL NEW MEMBERS (INCLUDING LAPSED) WILL HAVE TO ATTEND AN INDUCTION AT THIS FISHERY WITH THE FISHERY MANAGER OR APPOINTED PERSON.  
ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE VIA THE FISHERY MANAGER.

10 MINUTES BEFORE OPENING TIME IN THE MORNING A LOTTERY SYSTEM IS IN PLACE TO CHOOSE SWIMS. MEMBERS IN THE CAR PARK AT THAT TIME SHOULD REFER TO THE INSTRUCTIONS LOCATED IN THE TOILET.



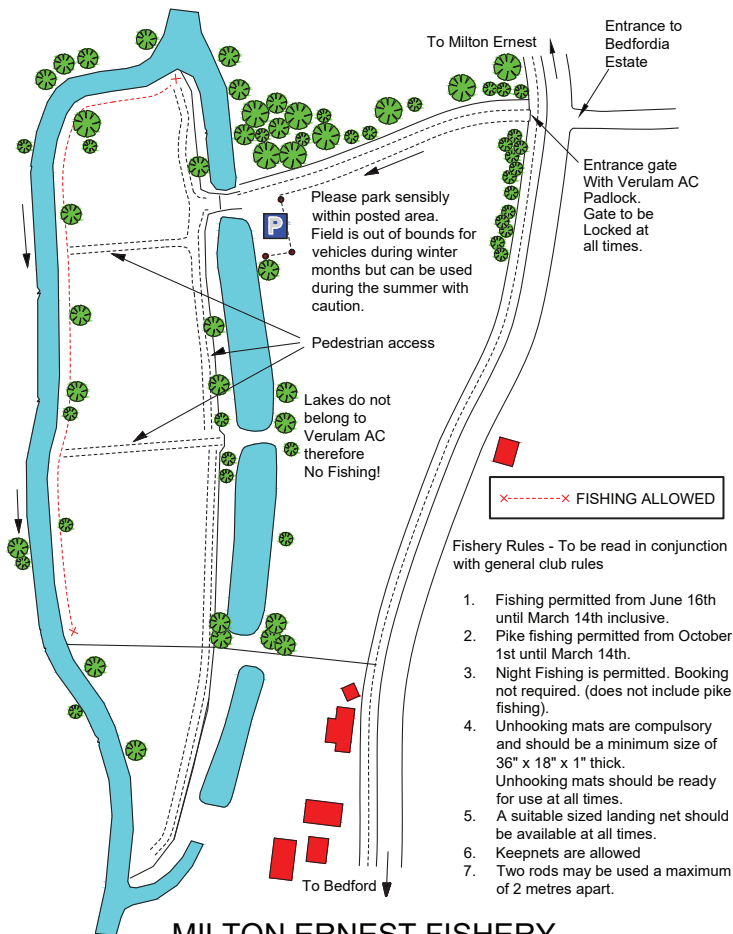
## MARFORD FARM FISHERY WHEATHAMPSTEAD

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JOHN MALONE  
Tel. - 07971 950760  
Email -  
john.malone1165@gmail.com

Post Code - AL4 8ND  
Post code for guidance only. Refer  
to map for detailed route.  
What 3 Words - ///park.major.useful

Barbel  
Roach  
Gudgeon  
Chub

Dace  
Carp  
Tench  
Perch



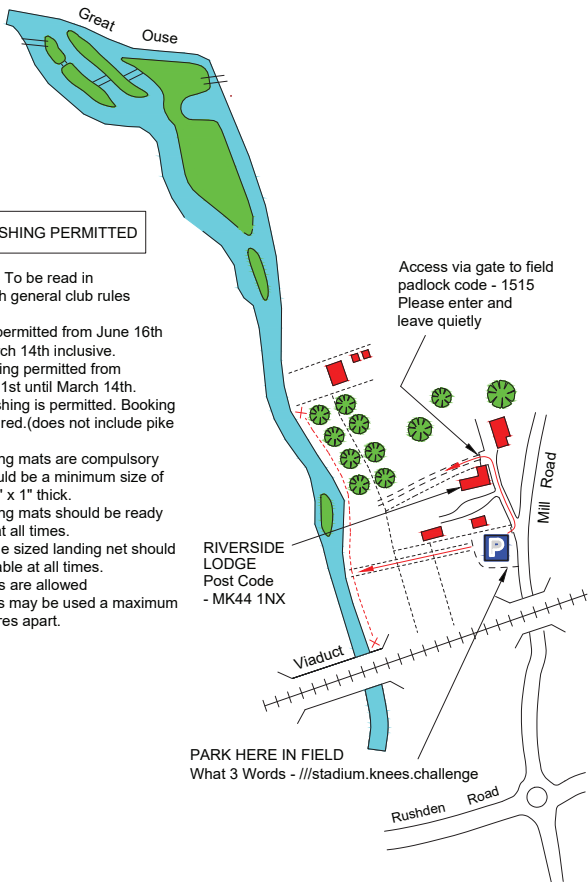
## MILTON ERNEST FISHERY

### RIVER GREAT OUSE

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Email -  
snips619@msn.com

Post Code - MK44 1YU  
What 3 Words - ///tins.units.icebergs

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|--------|---------|
| Roach  | Dace    |
| Barbel | Pike    |
| Chub   | Bream   |
| Perch  | Gudgeon |



Fishery Rules - To be read in conjunction with general club rules

1. Fishing permitted from June 16th until March 14th inclusive.
2. Pike fishing permitted from October 1st until March 14th.
3. Night Fishing is permitted. Booking not required. (does not include pike fishing).
4. Unhooking mats are compulsory and should be a minimum size of 36" x 18" x 1" thick. Unhooking mats should be ready for use at all times.
5. A suitable sized landing net should be available at all times.
6. Keepnets are allowed
7. Two rods may be used a maximum of 2 metres apart.

## SHARNBROOK FISHERY

RIVER GREAT OUSE

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Andy Parsons  
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Email -  
snips619@msn.com

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| Roach  | Dace    |
| Barbel | Pike    |
| Chub   | Bream   |
| Perch  | Gudgeon |

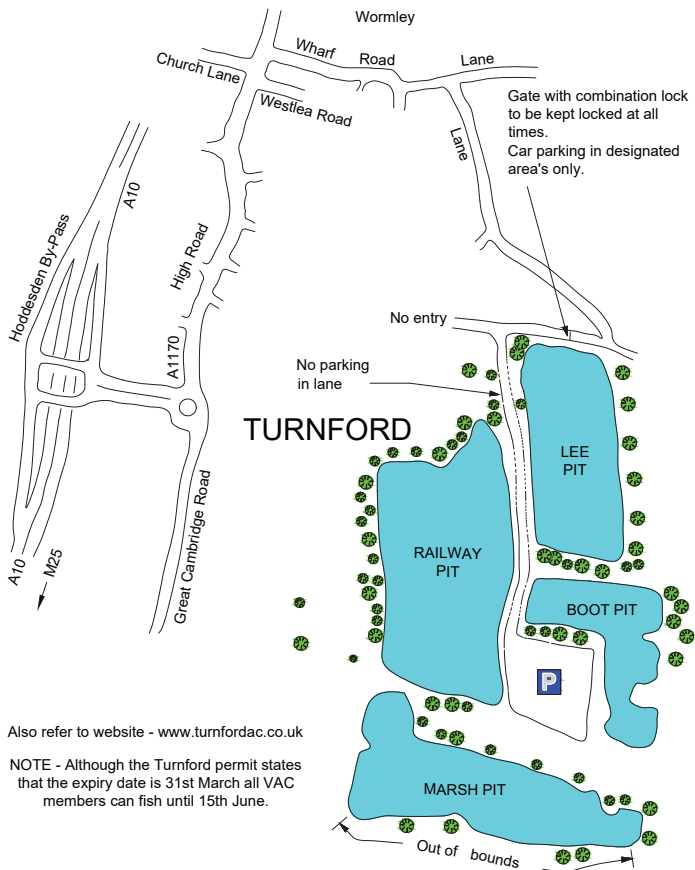
Fishery Rules - To be read in conjunction with general club rules

x-----x FISHING PERMITTED

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snips619@msn.com



Also refer to website - [www.turnfordac.co.uk](http://www.turnfordac.co.uk)

NOTE - Although the Turnford permit states that the expiry date is 31st March all VAC members can fish until 15th June.

## TURNFORD CONSORTIUM FISHERIES

**Fishery Manager -**  
ANDY MUNDAY  
tel. - 07831 637731  
email -  
[andrew.munday2@ntlworld.com](mailto:andrew.munday2@ntlworld.com)

Post Code - EN10 6HX  
What 3 Words - ///spirit.punchy.major

Carp  
Perch  
Tench  
Crucian Carp

Roach  
Chub  
Bream

# TURNFORD CONSORTIUM FISHERIES

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Parking:** Only in the official car park and not in the lane or on access roads.

**Gate:** Must be locked after entering or leaving and scramble the combination **GATE NUMBER**

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| April 1st to June 15th 2026          | 3538 |
| June 16th to September 29th 2026     | 1783 |
| September 30th to December 31st 2026 | 4351 |
| January 1st 2027 to June 30th 2027   | 7645 |

**Litter:** Rats carry disease, Litter attracts Rats so protect your health and leave no Litter. **You have been warned. See rule 2, this will be enforced.**

**No Fishing** North Bank (Slip Lane end of Railway Pit),  
South Bank of Railway Pit from Car park to Sunken Tree.  
North Bank (Slip lane End) of Lea Pit where fenced.  
South Bank (Tree & Shrub Area) of Marsh Pit.

**Wardens** All Wardens are appointed by the TAC. Please co-operate fully with wardens at all times. Should you have any important matters to report you should contact the Warden Co-ordinator or other Committee Member

**"Full details of closures (times, etc.) to appear on notice board in Fishery Car Park"**

### Endorsements

Should a warden need to caution you for any offence other than for Rules 1 – 8 where a mandatory ban applies, it will be recorded below, dated and signed.

**Marsh Pit – Catfish *Silurus glanis*:** Should any Catfish be caught, the environment Agency must be contacted on 0800 80 70 60 at the earliest opportunity whilst safely retaining the fish.

### Work party dates

2026 (check website for changes)

Feb 15<sup>th</sup> March 15<sup>th</sup> April 12<sup>th</sup> May 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 2026

Feb 14<sup>th</sup> March 7<sup>th</sup> April 11<sup>th</sup> May 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> 2027

On these dates the fishery will be closed 7.00 am until mid day.

All members are welcome to come and help.

## GENERAL RULES AND CONDITIONS

1. Anglers must not commit any act that may interfere or cause offence to other persons using the Lake area. Anglers are reminded that they are responsible for their guests while on the Fishery and the Fishery Rules apply to their guests.
2. **NO LITTER - ALL** litter and discarded line and debris is the responsibility of the angler present in a formal stance, swim or fishing position. **REGARDLESS OF ORIGIN ALL LITTER MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE FISHERY. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN A LIFE BAN FROM TAC WATERS.**
3. Permit Holders shall not add to, remove or alter in any way, the banks, trees and land surrounding the Fishery.
4. Environment Agency by-laws apply.
5. Permit Holders can fish with a **maximum** of two rods, the **maximum** distance between rods being two metres.

6. Permit Holders must remove all baited hooks from the water before leaving their swim.  
**UNATTENDED RODS WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION.**
7. Live baits must be caught at the Venue. Under no circumstances should live-baits be taken from Boot Pit.
8. Anglers must park within the designated Car Park. Parking in the Lane is strictly forbidden with the exception of 10 minutes for actively loading/unloading. Fish only numbered swims. Gate to be locked after entry/exit.  
**NOTE: VIOLATION OF RULE NUMBERS 1 TO 8 ABOVE WILL RESULT IN A MINIMUM SIX MONTHS FISHING BAN FROM TAC WATERS**
9. An angler can only occupy a single swim at any time and must not interfere with adjacent angling stances. **NOTE ON RAILWAY AND LEA PIT** - There are to be no more than two rods per swim, i.e. one angler fishing two rods or two anglers fishing one rod each.
10. Permits including photo-cards must be produced on request from Fishery Wardens or Park Authority Staff. Please ensure permits are signed with your Full name & Address
11. No dinghies, boats or radio controlled craft of any sort.
12. Swimming or the use of chest waders is forbidden.
13. No open fires or barbecues.
14. All fish to be returned to the water at the end of each session. Any person found attempting to steal fish will be prosecuted.
15. Able bodied anglers fishing from disabled angler stances must vacate their swims when asked to do so by a disabled permit holder, if no other suitable stances are available.
16. The Lee Valley Regional Park Authority (LVRPA) accepts no responsibility for any injury, illness or damage to persons or property in connection with facilities provided at this venue.
17. The TAC/LVRPA reserve the right to change rules and conditions if they see fit, with no prior notice to permit holders
18. Long stay anglers must not leave their swims for more than 1 hour in any 24 hours
19. Anglers can only fish in one swim for a maximum of seven days.  
**NOTE ON RAILWAY PIT** - maximum session 48 hours (2 nights) until October 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> when seven day rule applies. No return to fish within 24 hours.
20. Strictly no peanuts or tiger nuts. Prepare other particles properly.
21. All carp and pike anglers must carry a suitably sized landing net and a padded unhooking mat, minimum size three feet by two feet. **THESE MUST BE PRESENT IN THE SWIM BEFORE COMMENCING ANGLING.**  
Carp and pike must not be retained in any manner, other than a retention sling while preparing to weigh and photograph fish, **the limit for retention being 30 minutes. maximum time of any fish allowed out of the water for weighing and photographing being 5 minutes.** In dire circumstances fish may be retained for **SHORT PERIODS** in landing nets to allow them to recover.
22. Keepnets may be used for other species but Wardens have the authority to request that large fish be returned if conditions so dictate.
23. From 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September inclusive, **NO** Bivies, Tents, Overwraps, Sides, Mosquito Nets, or Brollies to be erected on Boot Pit.
24. There is to be no bait fishing for pike between 31st March and 1st October, however lure fishing is allowed throughout the fishing season.
25. Semi-barbed hooks to be used when Pike fishing.
26. Wire traces including up traces on paternoster baits must be used for Pike fishing.
27. Bite Detection equipment must show some form of drop back bites as well as straightforward runs when Pike fishing.
28. Any publicity of specimen fish must also be reported through the Fishery Officer, via the web site or your Club Secretary.
29. **JUNIOR MEMBERS FISHING NOTE:** No Night Fishing by Ticket Holders under the age of 16 years unless accompanied by an Adult Season Ticket Holder who shall be responsible for the actions of the junior. Accompanied is defined as sharing the same swim.

## VENUE OPENING TIMES

### RIVERS -

- Open - 16th June to 14th March  
Start - One hour before sunrise  
Off Water - June to August (inc) by 11pm  
September to March (inc) by 10pm.

### RELIEF CHANNEL -

West bank - From the weir down to confluence of river.

And - Confluence to Fishers Green Road Bridge

East Bank - From the top boundary to 50yds below Stubbins hall.  
16th June to 14th March  
24 hour fishing allowed.

### PITS -

Open - All year round  
24 hour fishing allowed.



Also refer to website - [www.fishersgreen.co.uk](http://www.fishersgreen.co.uk)

For up to date info please see Facebook -  
'Fishers Green Consortium Members'

## THE FISHERS GREEN CONSORTIUM

|        |       |
|--------|-------|
| Carp   | Bream |
| Pike   | Perch |
| Tench  | Roach |
| Rudd   | Chub  |
| Barbel |       |

# FISHERS GREEN CONSORTIUM

## Gate Lock Combination Code –

Up to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026

5417

From 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026

3654

- PARKING** - In official car parks only. Do not park on access road
- GATES** - Must be locked after entering and leaving fishery
- LITTER** - Rats carry Weil's disease, litter attracts rats.  
Leaving any litter is a Gross Misconduct Offence
- BAILIFFS** - All bailiffs are appointed by the Consortium  
Please co-operate fully with bailiffs at all times.
- CONTACT** - If you have any important matters or info to report you should tell the bailiff or contact:- 07958 704347

## GENERAL RULES

1. All anglers must be in possession of a current E.A. Licence
2. A strict speed limit of 5 m.p.h. in the park.
3. Parking only in designated areas.
4. Pole and whips must not be used near overhead cables
5. No boats including bait boats anywhere on the fishery
6. No swimming or wading anywhere on the fishery
7. Strictly no unauthorised swim clearance or building
8. No open fires or barbeques
9. No litter.  
All litter and debris within the swim and surrounding areas is the responsibility of the angler present regardless of origin and must be removed on leaving the swim.
10. Maximum 2 rods on rivers and channel, 3 rods on lakes
11. An angler can only occupy one swim at any time and must not interfere with any angler in adjoining swims. **FIRST 3 SWIMS BELOW HOLYFIELD WEIR, NO BIVIES ON THE PATHWAY.**
12. Rods must be within reach at all times.  
When temporally leaving your swim, hooks / lines must be on the bank with the bait removed.
13. Minimum 28" size landing net to be used, along with appropriate unhooking equipment. **(40" for carp and pike)**
14. No fish may be placed directly on the ground, mats must be used Nets or slings must be used to transport fish back to the water  
Cloths must not be used to hold/handle any fish.
15. Keepnets can be used for silvers but not for Carp, Barbel or Pike. In certain conditions their use may be suspended.
16. All fish to be returned from the swim where caught
- 17.. Persons must not attempt to remove fish from the fishery

## FISH WELFARE –

18. Weighing and photographic equipment must be ready for use before any catches to reduce out of water times. No fish to be photographed above knee height

## **CARP RULES -**

19. The use of nuts is strictly prohibited
20. No fixed leads or bent hooks
21. No sacks or keepnets  
Nets or slings must be used to transport fish back to the water,

## **PREDATOR RULES -**

22. No live or dead baiting between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> Sept.
23. Lure fishing is allowed all season
24. Live bait must be caught on the day on the pit / river being fished
25. Minimum line strength of 15lbs must be used
26. Wire traces [min 18" x 20lbs] must be used
27. Semi barbless hooks must be used
28. Bite detection equipment must show drop back bites and runs.
29. Long forceps and wire cutters must be carried
30. No sacks or tunnels

## **CONDUCT**

31. Offensive conduct or behaviour will not be tolerated. Intimidation of any kind to bailiffs, other anglers, authority personnel or members of the public will be classed as a Gross Misconduct Offence and may result in a ban from the Fishers Green Consortium waters and all LVRPA controlled fisheries.
32. Anglers must not commit any act whatsoever which may interfere or cause offence to other persons. This includes the use of generators, audio or TV equipment
33. Anglers must not engage in any activity or angling practice which endangers the fishery quality or health of the fish,
34. The LVRPA & Fishers Green Consortium accepts no responsibility for any injury, illness, loss or damage to persons or property in connection with facilities provided at the venue.

## **GROSS MISCONDUCT OFFENCE**

Breaking any underlined rule is a Gross Misconduct offence and may result in a bailiff retaining the membership card  
Any second offence will constitute a Gross Misconduct offence

Should you be booked for a Gross Misconduct offence your membership may be suspended prior to a Disciplinary Hearing at which your membership may be suspended or cancelled? You will have 28 days to lodge an appeal

Your club will notify you and may take further action.

Rule Violations .....

Date.....

**THE COMMITTEE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CLOSE SECTIONS OR THE FISHERY AT TIMES OF LOW WATER LEVELS**

# **TOWPATH FISHERIES**

**Towpath Fisheries are the old Lea Anglers Consortium stretches of the River Lea from Hertford Town down to Bow.**

**Ware AC and Hertford AC took control of these fisheries and offered access to Verulam AC members.**

**Fishery details are listed in the Towpath Handbook available from the secretary or can be downloaded from our club website.**

**For further details refer to the Ware and District AC website for venue information and general rules and regulations.**

**<http://wareanglingclub.co.uk/>**

# **RIVER IVEL PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (IPA)**

**The Verulam AC are associated with the IPA which give our members many miles of superb river fishing around Biggleswade.**

**For further information and maps please see the IPA website.**

**<http://www.ipafishing.co.uk/>**

# **LOCAL TACKLE SHOPS**

## **TACKLE SHACK**

4 The Queens Square

Hemel Hempstead

HP2 4ES

Tel. 01442 262368

Website – [www.the.tackleshack.co.uk](http://www.the.tackleshack.co.uk)

## **OAKWOOD ANGLING**

12 Hall Grove

Welwyn Garden City

AL7 4PH

Tel. 01707 334462

Website – [www.oakwoodangling.co.uk](http://www.oakwoodangling.co.uk)

## **VERULAM ANGLING**

219 Hatfield Road

St.Albans

AL1 4SY

Tel. 01727 861777

## **VERULAM AC TACKLE SHOP**

(RIVERSIDE ROAD FISHERY)

Suppliers of Blake Baits and a good range of second hand tackle.

Contact the club secretary Mark Jones on 07956 331707 for opening times or keep an eye out for details on Enews.

If you have any good quality tackle that you wish to offer to the shop then please give Mark a call. All proceeds from the shop contribute to Junior Angling and Coaching.

# NOTES

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# **AFFILIATIONS**

The Angling Trust  
Upper Ouse Fisheries Consultative Association  
Herts. County Angling Action Group  
Colne Valley Anglers Consultative  
Herts. and Middlesex Wildlife Trust  
Watercress Wildlife Association  
River Ver Valley Society  
Turnford Consortium  
Fishers Green Consortium  
The Masonic Fishing Charity

# **USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Environmental Agency Pollution Emergency Hotline  
0800 807 060

National Swan Sactionary Hotline  
01932 240 790

Wildlife Hospital Trust  
01844 292 292

Police for non emergencies but to report a problem  
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**[www.verulam-angling.co.uk](http://www.verulam-angling.co.uk)**