



Newsletter April 2026

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday 14th April 2026 at 7:30pm

The BAS Committee has arranged for its Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held at the Brockham Recreation Ground Cricket Pavilion (6 Middle Street, RH3 7JT) on Tuesday 14th April. A fish and chip supper will be available at 7.30pm, followed by the AGM at approximately 8pm. Please accept the invitation and request fish and chips (*by Monday 13th April*) using the link <http://tinyurl.com/4bx9j76y>

Coach Road Pond to Stay Open in Close Season

Following a review by the Committee, the pond will once again remain open for members during this year's close season starting 15th March 2026. Current members may continue to fish the Pond until their membership ends on 1st June 2026 and continue, thereafter, following their annual membership renewal. Please note that the padlock number for the pond gate will change from 1st June 2026 and be provided on their Clubmate membership page following their renewal.

2025/26 Season

The large Oak tree that came down across the middle of the pond at the end of 2024 was successfully removed by a local tree surgeon at the end of April 2025.

At the beginning of March 2026 another application of Siltrol was added, to the pond, by Aquamaintain which should help with the water quality and reduce some of the silt build up.

On the 4th March 2026 a new gate was installed at the pond by a local contractor which is a vast improvement on the old one.

In November 2025 two of the committee attended a Riverfly monitoring course. The aim of this is to monitor the health of the river by counting 8 different species of larvae. This is a national operation which is carried out monthly at specific points of the river. We should be starting in April now that the river levels are back to normal.

There has been little change in the number of members over the last year, currently we have 148 members (70 Seniors, 68 Adults & 10 Juniors, 23 of which are new)

As you should be aware, the only access to the Harefield is via Anglers Walk from the Borough, once in the field you should turn left by the gate and walk to the river at its nearest point, then walk along the bank to your swim, after fishing return along the same route. All vehicles should be parked on Brockham Lane, adjacent to the Borough Bridge, not in the Borough.

We will need your help with our work parties, dates to be arranged, which will carry out maintenance work during the close season. This will include repairs to some of the platforms at the pond and the river. Cutting back vegetation to allow air flow at the pond and access to swims on the river.

Last season there was several instances of littering reported at the pond and river! Please can you ensure that you take all litter home with you. Also if others have left any please take that too.

Clubmate Membership App Renewal and New Applicants

BAS will continue to manage membership via Clubmate, as per last season, this has been extremely useful and beneficial to the committee and hopefully the members. Further details will be sent out before renewals are due for the coming season.

Finally, we hope to see a good turnout at our AGM this year and have the chance to welcome new members who may wish to join us on the Committee.

Tight lines.

John Hoad (Chairman)

Emergency Contact Details

If you spot anyone fishing the river during the close season or suspect someone may be fishing our waters without a rod licence, please contact Martinez Pranaitis (EA) on 07876 084663.

If a non-member is fishing our waters this is poaching so, please call either Chris Dell (Rural Police officer) on 07720 061213 or Dave Sadler (Rural Police officer) on 07720 043107 or in an emergency call 999. Please do not put yourselves at risk by confronting anglers fishing illegally. If you spot any fish in distress or possible pollution, please contact the Environment Agency Hotline on 0800 807060. If you need to call one of the above, please also inform the Committee immediately on 01737 402814.