



Nene Welland and Witham Consultative Forum

Agenda
23rd Jan 2021

- 10.00 Welcome/Introductions.
- 10.05 Minutes/Actions from meeting held on 14th Nov
- 10.10. Nenescape and AT update.
- 10:30. Enforcement
- 10.40. EA update.
- 11.00. Comfort break.
- 11.10. Cormorants.
- 11.15. Nene and Welland Catchment reports.
- 11.35. Reports from Members.
- 12.00. Close

David
David
Kelvin
All
Hugh

John
Vik/Chris
All



Broads Hoveton Great Broad legal action with the EA and NE

A permit was granted by the EA on 23 July 2020 for the installation of the barriers.

In November, the High Court quashed NE's permit to erect two nearby fish barriers at Hoveton Great Broad. They were described by the Angling Trust and EA Fisheries experts as "environmentally disastrous".

The Environment Agency (EA) is now taking enforcement action against Natural England (NE) for erecting two additional fish barriers without permits in the Norfolk Broads. The EA said that the wildlife regulator had installed the new barriers at Hudson's Marsh and Gravel Dyke without flood risk permits and that they had referred the matter to their enforcement team to investigate further.

Fish Legal have clarified that in terms of the barriers planning permission that was granted to Natural England by the Broads Authority in 2014, under reference BA/2014/0248/FUL that condition 2 remains.

With the referral to the 2014 environment assessment para 8.5.24 which warns that, "If these impacts are assessed by Environment Agency fisheries specialists as being significant, biomanipulation will not proceed"

Does Natural England have an anti fish agenda you may ask, clearly they seem to be dominated by protecting designated species regardless to the impact of wider native species. Play around with nature and there are always consequences.

Both BASG and AT have attempted many times to find compromise with Natural England on this matter, declared mitigation measures have been dismissed by leading national fisheries experts and the IFM. One can only hope that discussions between the respective CEO's may see a new light and bring sense.

Ongoing debate with EA on pollution poor enforcement actions with Water Companies
AT launched Anglers Against Pollution campaign

East of England growth, challenge to our environment with little policy on water.

Recent consultancy water resources assessment around Cambridge states no further ground water available

AT received much praise for its work on angling within the pandemic.
AT individual membership up by 200 since Jan.

Modelling from Welland Rivers Trust on community engagement for river Wensum.

Rod Licence sales now 15% above last year, 17% on revenue



AT Nenescape Update

Significant Impact from COVID

Coaching to continue in 2021 and 2022 program agreed


Evidence remains that the actual illegal poaching is minimal in volume

Large scale survey of the angling community in 2021

NWWCA Update 23rd Jan



Building Bridges in the Nene Valley



Back in 2016 the Angling Trust's Building Bridges team engaged with the River Nene Regional Park as a formal partner to deliver its Nenescape Landscape Partnership Scheme. This initial 3 year program would focus on bringing together Angling Communities within the Nene Valley. Using a wide set of educational and coaching schemes. We have since extended the successful coaching scheme for a further 2 years until 2022.

So what have we been doing? Look at our video blog here ([youtube url](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzZdtKbKvSxnAuW8)) We have made 9 visits to Polish Saturday schools and had over 1600 Polish families take part in our education program.

We have run many coaching events, through the Lets Fish Nenescape scheme, with some 2000 people benefitting from 1 to 1 angling coaching.

We have worked with many of the Valley's angling clubs giving advice and signage for their venues and building best practice on enforcement issues.



We have developed a professionally run volunteer bailiff scheme, who have undertaken some 1600 patrols giving up over 6000 hours of effort.

Back in early 2016 we ran a survey of Rod License holders seeking their opinion on the issues facing Angling in the Nene Valley. We would like to run a similar survey again to evaluate people's feelings.

To take part in the survey please use the following link using google forms.

Let's Fish NENESCAPE

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<https://forms.gle/UzZdtKbKvSxnAuW8>

Education Northampton June 2019


Peterborough Feb 2020


Coaching Coach John in Peterborough


Happy Angling Families


Nene Valley Angling Clubs

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 Northampton Nene Angling Club northamptonneneac.org Carp, Pike, Chub, Silvers v Juniors v Lakes v Rivers v Canal v	 Peterborough & District AA fishinginpeterborough.co.uk Club Competition v Bream, Pike, Chub, Barbel v Lakes v Rivers v
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Nene Valley Voluntary Bailiffs