

From the Riverbank

The Bridgwater Angling Association AGM was held on 17 March in the town hall and there was a good turn out to hear reports on the progress the Club has made and future plans for the next 12 months.

The past year has seen a lot of work being carried out on our waters by volunteers donating their effort free of charge, so a very big thank you all those involved. The fishery at Comwich looks superb with the fence fully operational, so please ensure that all gates are kept locked. Plans for the future will include upgrades to the Swims and Matchlake pathway.

There are ongoing meetings to discuss improvement at Dunwear, the banks on the north pond have been repaired and a lot of scrub cleared from Swims. The focus is now on the car park, pathways and Swim rebuilding, as well as what can be done about dog pollution, hopefully, some resolution can be reached and work to upgrade the fishery can begin.

Our section of the canal has been inspected by British Waterways and concerns over access and reed cutting noted, the Club is currently awaiting a response.

Following the success of the National, the Club is in a good position to attract other major competitions onto its waters.

Some members will be concerned about increases in permit prices but these were held last year, whilst water rents increased, business costs rose, the website was established, fishery improvements were undertaken, and remedial and repair work completed.

In addition, funds were made available for two members to gain their qualifications as level one coaches, so well done to them.

Now that the season has closed on the rivers, the still waters that remain open are the only choice to get a few bites.

All are fishing really well in this warmer weather, so go and give them a go, but don't forget that your rod licence expires on 31 March.

Tight lines

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