

# 2026 AGM Minutes

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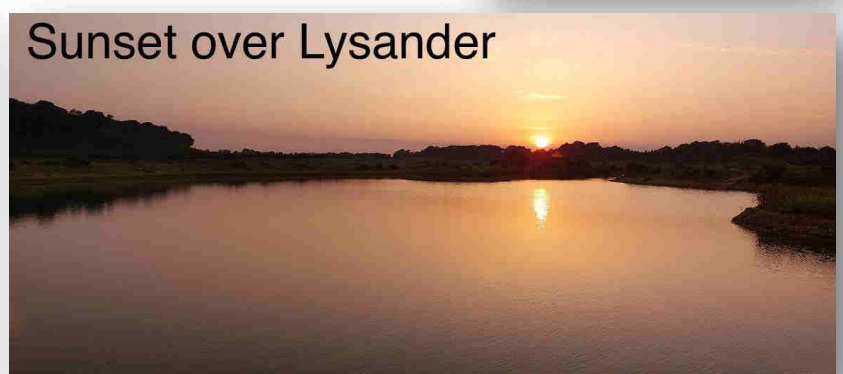
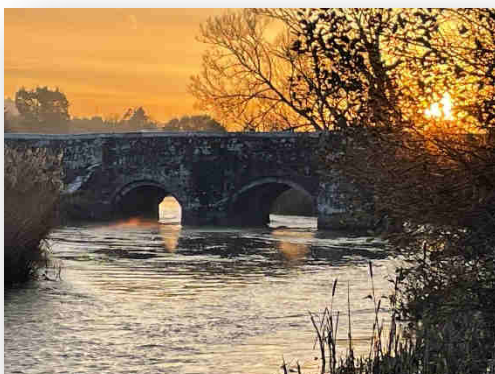
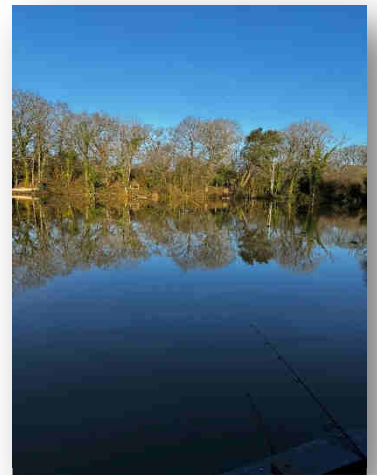
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# Minutes of the 2025-26 AGM Held at Weymouth Angling Society HQ on: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## The AGM Opened at 17:00

**Attendees:** 48 active members signed the attendance sheet, however 55 heads were counted.

### 1) Apologies for absence received:

Dave Beadnell-Smith, Alun Watson, Tim Broughton, Stephen Reeves, Colin Hore, Alan Newman, Nigel Tharby, Colin Reynolds, Jon Bass, Chris Hazelhurst, Mita Mitra, Clive Grewcock.

### 2) Opening Remarks from the Society President, Mr Roger Fullbrook:

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to the 2025-26 AGM

It falls to me as President to say a few (a Few) words. Well, I'm sure I'm not stating the patently obvious when I say that this last season has been full of ups and downs as far as the fishing goes, and it looks as though according to the long range weather forecasters, it will be the same this year. So it would appear that global warming is affecting our sport in more ways than one.

This year our Association has carried on with its brilliant guidance from your erstwhile committee. These gentlemen and the rest of the gang are forever looking to improve our waters and our administration procedures on your behalf. We are always looking for new blood to make up the numbers when members move on. Luckfield continues to be our Jewel in the Crown and the maintenance and repairs keep it up together. You may have noticed the swims that have been repaired and the bank reinstatement and walkway to No 10 swim and beyond. The Micro chalk has been applied this year again and this helps stop the algae growth. The most outstanding event on this venue has been the environmental impact we have made with the siting of the Barn Owl Box which gave us two successful fledglings as far as we know. We also introduced small bird boxes and some bat boxes. Our master box maker Chris Ward now has a Tawny Owl box waiting in the wings ready to be installed when a suitable site is found. Luckfield continues to be one of our favourite venues.

Our two new lakes, Lysander and Lucy's, continue to be monitored and fed and the stocking continues hopefully by now. Over £5K of Bream and carp have been introduced into each lake respectively, also the extension to the car park which will be much nearer to the water for us older and infirm members is in the pipeline and should be with us soon.

Last autumn saw working parties attack our stretch of the Stour at Hanford and made the stretch far more fishable, obviously the fishing there has been somewhat curtailed this winter, along with the Frome.

I'm going to steal and slightly modify a quote from JFK regarding the old chestnut "Working Parties" "Ask not what your Association can do for you but ask what you can do for your Association". These are always promulgated on the Web site and personal email via Clubmate. I don't need to tell any of you how much work the "Usual faces do for this Association" The bonding and friendships formed on these working parties make this part of the Association tick. So if you can spare time and any specialist skills you have, or just strong arms and back to the cause you will be made more than welcome.

Lastly a quick word about a subject that is very close to my heart, Mental Wellness. I don't want to appear to be banging on about this, but being a member of The British Limbless Ex Servicemen's Association I have seen at first hand how much our fantastic sport can help people suffering with PTSD and depression. So if you know of mates/friends who are suffering from these debilitating problems, gentle guidance for a day out on the bank can be the start of a road to recovery. I must admit to still having the odd "Black Dog" day and I know of a few others in this Association who do also. I'm sure they find the same form of solace when sat amongst nature. I must admit to having lost my way and for 20 years had got into shooting, those who know me know how that ended up..... I was confined to a wheelchair for some time, then an old friend took me fishing, and the flame was rekindled and as the story goes I haven't looked back.

Anglers .....of all persuasions enjoy the rest of your evening and all the best for your season.

Mr Chairman.... Please continue with the AGM.

## **2) Confirmation of the Minutes of the AGM held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025:**

The minutes from last year's AGM were approved by the meeting as being a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

## **3 Chairman's Address:**

Mr President, Members of the retiring committee, Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls. Again, I have the privilege to be in this seat of a great club and Committee.

Welcome to the 2025-26 DDAS season AGM. I would firstly like to express my thanks to the WAS committee & members for allowing us to use this great club for our monthly meetings & of course this AGM. Thanks to the non-committee members who attend the working parties throughout the year! Final thanks to you the members for supporting the club and attending tonight. I hope you had a look at the tackle sale and got yourself a bargain or two.

If you have been to Luckfield over the last couple of months you may have seen some new signs! This has come about because people are casting to the aerator, hitting it and snapping off! This has in turn damaged it and we have had to send it away for repair. This is an unnecessary cost to the club!

We have also had a couple of wonderful RIG setups! One tethered a big carp in the lilies. Luckily the carp was rescued. Can I please remind everybody that all rigs should be free running!

That's my yearly moan out of the way. Thankfully I haven't got lots more to say tonight. You will hear from the other committee members what we have been doing for the past year!

I will finish with my usual request for help. Volunteers for the committee and also working parties. Keep an eye on emails, web site etc. We have a lot to get through tonight so if you have any questions please could I ask you to save them until the end.

I will now pass the rest of the evening over to Sid Mr Secretary. Once again thank you!

## **4) Treasurers Report & statement of accounts**

Ladies, gentlemen, Juniors and fellow anglers welcome to the number crunching section of the AGM.

The accounts have been checked and verified as being correct. The Junior account is now obsolete as the section is now being looked after by the newly formed Jurassic Juniors Angling Club.

After 5 years as treasurer, I am standing down and passing over the reins to the capable hands of Mick Brown.

Our income for the year was £26,009.53 of which £24,010.78 is from membership subscriptions.

Our expenditure was £27,495.47 leaving us with a deficit of £1,485.84 and £13,053.02 in our account at the end of our financial year 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Our main expenditure is the rent for our waters £8,573.75, which depending on gaining or losing venues should stay around the same for the coming year.

An expenditure figure of £1,453.30 is for travel expenses for which those carrying out working parties, Junior coaching and visiting shops receive 25p per mile if they wish to claim it.

Another figure of £1,282.24 is for postage and stationery which includes membership cards and associated postage. As I will explain shortly this figure will be greatly reduced next year.

A further figure of £1,374.20 is for insurance, that may seem expensive to you but it does include annual membership of the Angling Trust, one of our avenues for grants and cover for our 600 members.

Another figure of £4,613.29 is for Luckfield. However, we will receive £3,700.00 of this back from the Environment Agency once the lane repairs at Luckfield have been completed.

The next 2 expenditure figures of £1,800.00 and £496.50 for fish stock and feed I have included together, to make you aware that it is not just the cost of fish we must pay for, but the feeding and looking after of them as well. FYI, we have already put over £5,000.00 of fish into Silverlake since the end of February.

I am aware that we have spent more money than we make for a few years now and it has caused some of you concern. I therefore need to quell those concerns by pointing out that **we are a non-profit making society.** The money we have spent is mainly on rents, fish stock and maintenance to enhance your fishing experiences at Luckfield and Silverlake. As well as our continued membership of WAC providing you with cheap drinks.

In the coming year by making changes to our membership payment methods, we will be saving £1,000.00 on membership cards and postage. This new payment method will also reduce our bank transactions and therefore less bank charges.

As a committee we have made the decision to stop engraving our trophies and instead complete a roll of honour on our website, another saving of £400.00 per year.

Also, for those who are not aware Graham, our fellow coaches and I have formed Jurassic Juniors Angling Club. As this is separate from DDAS there will no longer be a £400.00 allowance given out for Junior tackle and the Junior website has not been renewed saving a further £518.00. So overall there will be a £2,000.00 plus saving on this year's expenditure.

I hope this eases any concerns but if not now is the time for your questions. **A copy of the verified accounts may be requested by email to: [treasurer@d-das.com](mailto:treasurer@d-das.com)**

**The Secretary then reported that the Tackle Sale held earlier in the day raised £370 for club funds, he thanked those who had donated & Si Wagner for sorting it out!**

#### **5) Membership Secretary's Report:**

The Membership Secretary introduced himself and welcomed all to this year's AGM.

He then went on to start by discussing the membership statistics broken down as follows:

Postal & online memberships	510
Membership cards in five sponsored Dorset shops	
Weymouth Angling Centre	23
West Bay Angling	4
Dorchester Angling Centre	10
Alans Angling	27
Dorset Lure Centre	2
Sub total	576



DDAS new members this season stands at 146

All guest tickets sold both shops and online are recorded as 29 with 5 subsequently cancelled. 20 dog permits were also sold during the season.

Another good year with these total memberships being the most recorded to press. Looking closer at the memberships recorded on Clubmate the statistics are as follows:

Adult Members	148	Senior Citizen Members	185
Junior Members	52	Primary Members	37
Non-Angling Parent/Person	32	Registered Disabled Members	16
Senior Citizen & Spouse	12	Adult & Partner (Angling)	10
Adult & Partner (Non-Angling)	17		

At this point the Mem Sec took the opportunity to thank all the sponsored shops for all their continued years of support and hoped it would continue to be the case in the future. Going forward, as we become more digital, we hope to display a counter QR code that will allow you to join DDAS directly and become an instant member without any postal delays.

The Mem Sec then went on to note the Exchange Tickets held with other clubs as follows:

Blandford & District AC	Frome & District AA	Glaston Manor AA
Gillingham & District AA	Ilminster AA	Sturminster & Hinton AA

He stated that these exchange tickets were a great way to extend the reach of available waters and lakes across Dorset and sometimes beyond. The tickets had been booked a total of 50 times this season with just one cancellation, which is an increase on the previous year's use and broken down as follows:

Blandford & District 11 visits, Frome & District 2 visits, Sturminster & Hinton 37 visits

Booking through our Clubmate, your emailed receipt is proof DDAS Membership and hence the use of our Exchange Ticket system.

The Mem Sec then went on briefly to talk about our night fishing slots at Luckfield Lake. Available on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights and bookable through Clubmate. It caters for those who like the extra challenges (and rewards) that night fishing brings. Only Pegs 1,2 & 3 are utilised for this purpose and all we ask that when in use, you are mindful of our local neighbours and keep the small hours noise to a minimum.

Details of other night fishing venues and opportunities can be found in our 2026 updated Handbook.

Finally, he went on to explain the new look of the DDAS Clubmate app encouraging all who hadn't downloaded and started using it yet to do so at their earliest convenience. It provides lots of useful information, links and most importantly gate codes normally found on your DDAS physical id style card. These will no longer be provided by the club as we move further towards being fully digital.

### The Clubmate Home Page

This displays your **Digital Membership Card** as proof of membership. It then displays four tabs which allow you to buy **1. New Memberships**, Book Exchange, Night Fishing and Guest tickets in the **2. Book Ticket** tab, link to **3. Latest News** on the DDAS website and in the **4. DDAS Shop** purchase a Dog Licence, Clubmate sponsored Membership ID card and provides opportunities to donate various amounts to our chosen charity (TBC).

Options are then displayed to provide access to your Profile, manage your Membership, Switch accounts between different Clubmate fishing clubs you may be a member of and most importantly the Fishery Info tab.

### Fishery Info Page

This page provides Links to DDAS Facebook page, DDAS Handbook, DDAS website, EA Rod License applications, Live DDAS Match program and Venue Maps.

Additionally, this is where you'll find the DDAS gate codes for that current year.

Please bear with us as these pages are constantly being updated or created but we will get there ..... soon.

To utilise the Clubmate app, just download it from the app store or google Clubmate and install on your phone. Once installed use your clubmate registered email to login and then utilise the 'forgotten password' route to re-register your access to the app.

A final plea from me is that when applying for either a Primary or Registered Disabled membership, please take note of the statements highlighted in yellow on the relevant membership application screen.

Many thanks in advance

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards & Tight Lines for 2026/27

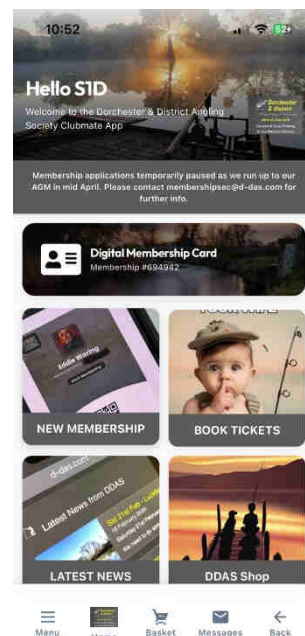
Whisky, DDAS Mem Sec

### **6) Motions from the Retiring Committee:**

a) That all senior Membership Subscriptions for 2026-27 will increase by a small amount to cover inflation, rent increases & other rising costs.

**SEE FULL DETAILS ON THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM ATTACHED AT THE END.**

b) That the Cancellation of Part Year Memberships previously available from the 1<sup>st</sup> November shall remain in place.



c) That whenever a member joins, he/she/they will receive a full 12 month membership from that date but the club year will remain as is.

The above resolutions were unanimously approved by the members present.

**7) There were no other resolutions received.**

**8) Society Appointments 2026-27**

2026-27 Committee	Role
Chris Watson	Chairperson
Chris Ward	Deputy Chairperson Trustee (Luckfield Lake )
Mick Brown (new)	Treasurer Trustee (Luckfield Lake) Bank Signatory
Steve Sudworth	Secretary Club Captain
Paul Haigh	Membership Secretary
Craig Andrews	Match Secretary
Tim Broughton	H&S/Risk Management Carp Secretary
Roger Fulbrook	Committee Member
Glenn Richards	Committee Member/ Bank Signatory
Chris Painter	Committee Member/Ecology Rep
Jerry Bracey	Committee Member/Junior Liaison/Trustee
Si Wagner	Committee Member
Lloyd Richards (new)	Committee Member
David Tattersall	Committee Member

**a) Election of President:**

**Note:** Mr Roger Fullbrook continues for 1 more year. Mr Chris Ward promoted to this list

Approved by the meeting.

Roger Fullbrook	President
Derek Pride	Vice Presidents
Stuart Murgatroyd	
John Parks	
John Halford	
Dave Tattersall	
Terry Dell	
Roger Fulbrook	
Mike Brown	
Chris Ward	

**9) Trustees:**

Jerry Bracey and Chris ward will continue as Club Trustees in respect of the Club's ownership of Luckfield Lake.

### 10) Appointment of bank Signatories:

The Bank Signatories will now be: Jerry Bracey, Glenn Richards and Mick Brown.

### 11) Account Verifier:

Mr Kevin Roberts will continue in the post for the coming year.

### 12) Charity Cheque Donation:

A Cheque for £500 was passed to our elected charity "The Dorset County Hospital 'Greatest Need Fund'. A representative from the Charity was unable to attend, however, various emails received including heartfelt thanks.



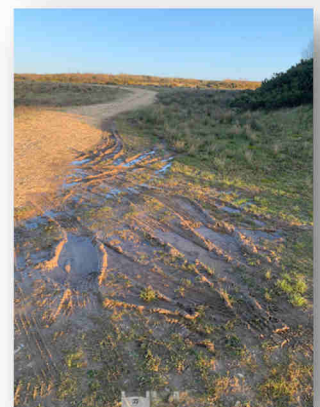
**THANK YOU to all those members who added a little bit to their subscription money.**

### 13) Club Secretary's report & PowerPoint Presentation:

Steve opened his report by thanking you all those in attendance for making the effort to come along. He then went straight into reminding those present of the usefulness of the DDAS Website, Facebook page & Clubmate system (more details above) and requested all members to check them out now & again to keep up to date with what goes on & to see requests for assistance at working parties, litter picks etc & to also book night fishing sessions at Luckfield.

All being well, the Presentation photos etc can be viewed here: [2026 PP - Compatibility Mode.pdf](#)

He went on to talk about **Silverlake** and the 600 metres of fencing recently erected around the lakes to help prevent any fish escaping, 3 ft high & 1 ft flat on the ground pinned down. Luckily, the levels didn't rise enough for any to escape but better safe than sorry. Stocking & planting mentioned by others but needed to emphasise on the requirement for member to **'STAY ON THE TRACK'** & not turn on the verges. There is plenty of room to turn at the lakeside. Hopefully, the new parking area by the lakes will prevent this in future. This work is expected to be carried out in late May, more details on the requirements to follow by email & posted on the website/Facebook page.



Steve mentioned how well **Luckfield** has fished again this club year, mainly due to decent weather conditions, reports of 20lb+ Carp/7lb+ Bream/2.5lb+ Perch/1lb+ roach/5lb+ Tench at times. Peg improvement & pathway work



has continued, more dead ash tree removed, bank edges clearance, pathway stoning/wood chipping (in places). The main issue again is the lane leading to the lake...as mentioned previously, temporary filling has taken place before the bigger job is carried out once WW have completed their work further down the lane. We are hopeful this will be done in June, watch this space on updates/lake closures required.

Before Steve handed over to Chris Painter, our ecology rep & Olympic swimmer (NOT!), he mentioned about the recent 'bad rigs' that some members had been using. The 'Magic Twig/Wand' is now BANNED from all DDAS associated waters. A reminder to check the handbook for the rules & regulations is a must for all members. Please do it, you might learn something. More checks will be carried out this season, don't get caught or you might find yourself with a lengthy BAN from the society... you have been warned.

Chris Painter then gave us an update on the bird boxes & their use, as well as the new Tawny Owl box we recently erected close to Luckfield (not visible).

Steve thanked Chris & continued by mentioning **Sharnhill, Potwell & the Frome** and the works carried out to enable your safe & enjoyable time, all voluntary work of course.



The working parties on our beats of the **River Stour** will commence in May, lots to do after the stormy winter months, updates on those to follow.

As ever, Steve expressed his thanks to Jason & his team at **REVELS** for their continued support of DDAS & that we hope it continues for a very long time. It should start to fish better now after a really out of sorts winter/early spring,

**Kingcombe:** Well, Steve guessed that everyone was aware of the major Otter predation problem there & that after a long committee discussion, we agreed by a heavy majority vote that we would continue our agreement & to do all we can to help reduce the problem in the future. Therefore, our annual rent this year for Kingcombe will be put towards the purchase of an electric fence that will cover a large area of the complex. Steve emphasised that 'we don't walk away from problems we do our best to help'. Anyway, watch this space, keep fishing there but PLEASE record you catch in the log in the hut & by email to me if you like, the more details we have the better.

Finally, he reported about the DDAS's recent acquisition; **Radipole Lake** in Weymouth, firstly thanking Eddie & Gavin who had been looking after it for the past 3 years on behalf of the Radipole Lake Angling Club (RLAC) for reaching out to us to see if we were willing to take it on. We are fully aware of the problems that come with it; ie: Weed, Algae, Trespassers & that its 'not an easy water'. Older issues included the views of the RSPB on fishing... this issue is no longer there. The RSPB, Dorset Council, the EA and English Nature are all in favour of continued fishing there & that we can/will all work together to make it



enjoyable for all, remembering that it is a nature reserve & has a SSSI attached to it (we are used to those at Silverlake). Therefore, please bear with us on the proposed improvements, they will take a while (& a good amount of money). It will open the 16<sup>th</sup> June (it's a river remember) to members & day ticket purchases. Night fishing is permitted (with restrictions), please see the details on the website Tab or in the Handbook. The licence will initially be on a **12 month trial period** basis. If we manage to recruit enough Bailiffs who will visit the lake on a regular basis, we can't see why this won't be a long term agreement & a great addition to our extensive list of water... AT A VERY RESONABLE COST TO YOU!!!



In conclusion, Steve thanked the committee for their hard work, thanked the members who had offered their time and assistance at working parties

throughout the past 12 months & hoped to see many, if not ALL of you joining this great club for the 2026-27 society year. **Thank you.**

During the presentation part of the evening, the Chairman presented the 'Club-person of the Year' Award (& free membership) to **Mr Jerry Bracey**, thanking him for his time as Treasurer, work with the kids & his ever present attendance at work parties.

The AGM was completed at 18:37pm

## 2026-27 Membership Application (if required)

2026/27 Society Year: 1/6/26 - 31/5/27

### Membership Application Form

Required for Cash, Cheque & PayPal payments

New Member:  Returning Member:



[www.d-das.com](http://www.d-das.com)

Please send your completed application form to:

Mr Paul Haigh  
DDAS Membership Sec  
12A Lower Putton Lane  
Chickerell  
WEYMOUTH  
Dorset  
DT3 4AN

Email: [membershipsec@d-das.com](mailto:membershipsec@d-das.com)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner/Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(for joint membership only)*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (M)

Email Address: **AS CLEAR AS POSSIBLE PLEASE** (please  appropriate box)

Age (all): \_\_\_\_\_ New email:   
Previously supplied:

Membership Fees:	Cheque	PayPal*	Online**	please <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> appropriate boxes
Adult Membership	£70 <input type="checkbox"/>	£72 <input type="checkbox"/>	£70 <input type="checkbox"/>	18yrs to 64yrs (please be honest)
Adult & Partner (1)	£110 <input type="checkbox"/>	£113 <input type="checkbox"/>	£110 <input type="checkbox"/>	Both Anglers
Adult & Partner (2)	£85 <input type="checkbox"/>	£87 <input type="checkbox"/>	£85 <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Angling Partner
Registered Disabled	£50 <input type="checkbox"/>	£52 <input type="checkbox"/>	£50 <input type="checkbox"/>	Photocopy proof required
Senior Citizen	£50 <input type="checkbox"/>	£52 <input type="checkbox"/>	£50 <input type="checkbox"/>	65yrs+
Senior Citizen & Spouse	£65 <input type="checkbox"/>	£67 <input type="checkbox"/>	£65 <input type="checkbox"/>	Both 65yrs+
Junior Membership	£25 <input type="checkbox"/>	£27 <input type="checkbox"/>	£25 <input type="checkbox"/>	14yrs & under 18yrs
Primary Membership	£15 <input type="checkbox"/>	£17 <input type="checkbox"/>	£15 <input type="checkbox"/>	Up to 13yrs
Non-Angling Parent	£5 <input type="checkbox"/>	£7 <input type="checkbox"/>	£5 <input type="checkbox"/>	Req'd for all 'stand alone' primary memberships
Dog permit	£5 <input type="checkbox"/>	£7 <input type="checkbox"/>	£5 <input type="checkbox"/>	Req'd for club exclusive still waters where permissible

Donation to our chosen local charity (optional) £ \_\_\_\_\_ Thank you very much!

I enclose a cheque/cash (payable to DDAS) for the amount £ \_\_\_\_\_ for a FULL year membership of DDAS from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2027 .

**\* I have paid by PayPal and stated my 'full name & DDAS' to Paypal email address: [membershipsec@d-das.com](mailto:membershipsec@d-das.com)**

**\*\* Follow the link on the society website, do not complete this application.**

I am happy to receive news, notices & future correspondence by email only: Yes  No

I agree to abide by the DDAS rules & regulations stated in the member's handbook & any additional notifications posted on social media/DDAS Website, or on noticeboards or signs displayed at fisheries.

(Admin Use Only) Membership No: \_\_\_\_\_

Your personal information will be held and used in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. DDAS will not disclose such information to any unauthorised person or body but where appropriate will use such information in carrying out its various functions and services. DDAS may also use this data in connection with the prevention or detection of fraud or other crime.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Postal applications will only be processed once per week, please be patient. Thank you.