



**2024**

# Angling Trust Division One National Championship



*Appley Bridge (Martin Crombie)*

## Leeds & Liverpool Canal, Wigan DAA Waters

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

## General Information

<b>Headquarters</b>	Robin Park Leisure Centre, Loire Drive, Newtown, Wigan WN5 OUL
<b>Refreshments</b>	TBC
<b>Section Draw</b>	6:00pm Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August - <a href="#">Angling Trust Competitions Facebook</a> page – this will be emailed out to team captains and posted on our social media.
<b>Draw</b>	08:00am (All teams must register before the draw)
<b>Fishing</b>	11:00am until 4:00pm (duration 5 hours)
<b>Water Closure</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2024 after Individual National
<b>Licences</b>	All competitors must be in possession of a valid Environment Agency Fishing Licence. Any competitor reported by the Environment Agency to the resulting team on the day of the match will be disqualified.
<b>Nets</b>	<a href="#">All keepnets and landing nets must comply with National Environment Agency Byelaws.</a>
<b>Local Rules</b>	No Bloodworm & Joker.
<b>Eligible Fish</b>	All fish coarse fish are eligible for weighing, <u>except Pike</u> , which do not count. Game fish (salmonids, including grayling) do not count. Ineligible fish should be returned to the water unharmed.
<b>Facebook Group</b>	Further information: <a href="#">Wigan DAA Division 1 National</a>

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*The Leeds & Liverpool Canal between Appley Bridge & Parbold (Martin Crombie)*

# Welcome

*A very warm welcome to every angler, steward and volunteer involved in the 2024 Division 1 National Championship. In this match booklet, you'll find all the relevant details for this year's event – from rules and procedures to practice and parking.*

*Our gratitude goes out to Wigan & District Angling Association for all their efforts in the build up to this Championship. We know just how hard it can be to find a suitable 500 peg match venue in this day and age, so it's fantastic to have a club like Wigan, experienced in running big matches, to come forward as our hosts. I'd also like to extend my thanks to each and every one of you reading this for supporting our Divisional Nationals over all these years. As team fishing's flagship event, Division 1 remains the longest running and biggest single coarse fishing match in the domestic calendar. Let's keep it that way, and make the 2024 top-flight a National to remember!*

*-Steve Fitzpatrick, Head of Competitions, Angling Trust*



*A winning catch of skimmers, Saracen's Head  
May 2024*

*Our thanks to the Angling Trust for the opportunity to host this year's Division 1 National Championships, and everyone involved at the club for making it happen. Wigan & District Angling Association is a proud club with a long history of match fishing – traditionally hosting one of the biggest Winter Leagues in the country, and more recently, our club-sponsored King of the Cut championship. We hope that visiting anglers will be pleasantly surprised by the sport our canal has to offer, and join us again in future at one of the many matches we run each year. With numerous big events pencilled in leading up to the National, this year promises to be a truly great one for match fishing on the Leeds & Liverpool.*

*-Trevor Smith, Match Secretary, on behalf of the Wigan & District Angling Association Committee*



*A feeder caught tench from Martland Mill*

*\*The Angling Trust would like pay a special thanks to Ian Fewtrell for his work on maps/ access arrangements, and Martin Crombie for the use of his pictures.*

# The Team

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A big thank you and appreciation must go out to all our volunteers who give up their time to assist with our competitions. Without their help and continued support we would not be able to provide competitions on the scale that we do for our members.

If you would like to offer your assistance to act as a volunteer at any of our competitions, please contact Kelly Latimer, Angling Trust via email: [Kelly.latimer@anglingtrust.net](mailto:Kelly.latimer@anglingtrust.net)



*A mixed bag from Appley Bridge*

# Procedures

## For Competitors

- Teams must submit a final 'team sheet' to [competitons@anglingtrust.net](mailto:competitons@anglingtrust.net) by 5pm on 05/07/24. This should be filled in on the official AT document sent out to captains, with your 10 'fishing' anglers listed and up to 10 reserves, plus your nominated steward and their mobile number. You should retain this team sheet for your records.
- On Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of August at 6:00pm, a live draw will take place for sections on the Angling Trust Competitions Facebook page. This draw will determine which angler fishes which section - e.g 'Angler 1' on your team sheet might draw E section, 'Angler 2' J section etc. This is final and anglers cannot swap sections.
- Before the draw on the morning of the match, at least one team member (captain or representative) must arrive to register their team's attendance and record any changes to the previously nominated team. Once all teams have registered, the draw will begin in the order of registration (teams will be called up to draw their peg set)
- At the draw, teams will select an envelope containing a 'peg set'. The envelope must be opened at the registration desk to allow the organisers to record which set you have drawn. Peg numbers will correspond to angler numbers on your team sheet to determine who fishes where – e.g Angler 1 on your team sheet is John Smith. Angler 1 on your peg set has drawn H9. Therefore John Smith fishes H9.

## For Stewards & Volunteers

- All teams are required to bring at least one steward to assist with the weigh in.
- We understand that some stewards will have a preference for which section they are allocated to. Please notify us of any preferences as soon as possible.
- The exact duties of local and team-supplied stewards will be determined after the section draw on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> August. This is to allow the organisers to coordinate travel arrangements – e.g if a team's nominated steward is travelling with a particular competitor.
- All relevant information for stewards will be communicated via a WhatsApp group, which will be set up after the section draw has taken place. If you (as a steward or volunteer) can't use WhatsApp for any reason, please contact Alex Clegg on 07495 433613 or via [alex.clegg@anglingtrust.net](mailto:alex.clegg@anglingtrust.net) and other arrangements for communication will be made.

## Sections & Maps

The following pages contain a guide to the stretches of canal being used in the 2024 Division 1 National Championships. Please note that while every effort by our host club has been made to ensure accuracy, all maps are provisional and subject to change before the event. Wherever parking takes place in practice or otherwise, anglers should park sensibly, avoiding disruption to residents at all times. All parking is at your own risk.

To complement the maps below, the Angling Trust have produced an accompanying interactive tool via Google MyMaps, which can be saved to your phone and viewed at any time within the Google Maps app. We would welcome any feedback on this on tool, which should be sent to [alex.clegg@anglingtrust.net](mailto:alex.clegg@anglingtrust.net). Again please note that this is subject to change, with further details to be added in the build up to the National.

**[CLICK HERE FOR INTERACTIVE MAP](#)**

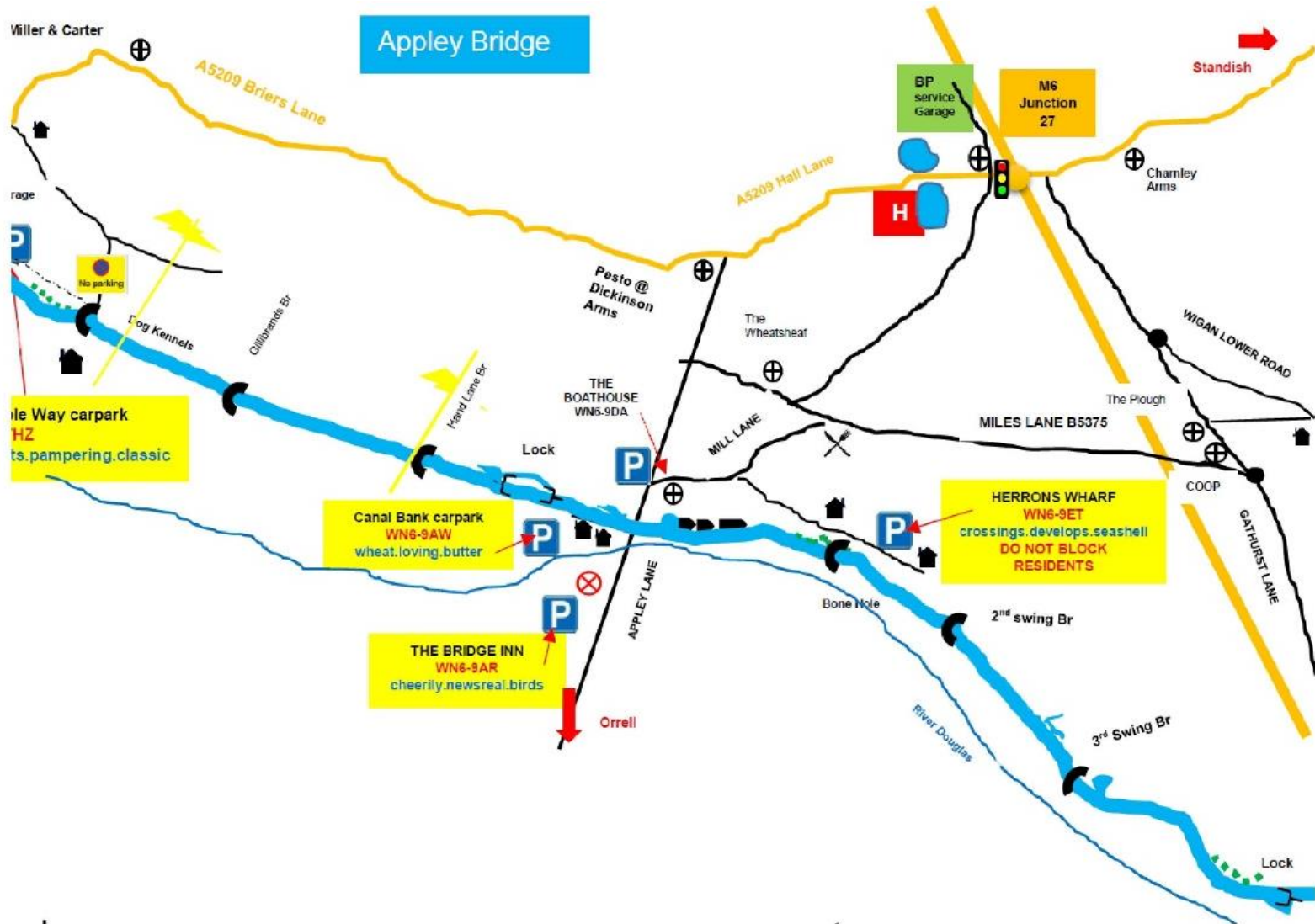
Access point - length	Post Code	What 3 Words	Type of Parking	Peg Nos
Saracens Head	L39-8RH	sharpens.blitz.defaults	canal side car park	
North Moor Lane	L39-8SD	tech.healers.unleashed	canal side car park	
Morris/Pinfold Lane	L39-8ST	projects.lordship.ambushed	canal side car park	
Neille Indian (red lion)	L40-8HQ	tone.composes.annotated	car park	
Tea Rooms S/brick marina	L40-9RH	sensitive.theme.toggle	car park No Canal Access	
Heatons Bridge Inn	L40-8JG	jetting.clips.afterglow	pub car park L/H side only	
Martins Lane	L40-8JH	scatters.curtail.builds	Field parking over bridge	
Gorst lane Log	L40-ORT	wing.wired.tribune	road side laybye	
Gorst Lane Wood yard	L40-ORS	between.vaulting.nearing	road side laybye	
Farmers Arms	L40-8JA	pipes.fuse.domestic	NO PARKING on pub	
Slipway Bar	L40-ORN	confused.soaps.defers	pub car park enter reg	
<b>Crabtree Lane</b>	L40-ORN	regulate.bravest.pulps	road side	
Victoria Street Burscough	L40-OSN	comedy.finalists.siant	road side laybye	
Burscough Town Centre	L40-5RZ	withdrew.glaze.joystick	car park	
The Ship Lathom (Rufford)	L40-4BX	flame.puzzles.sleepless	overspill pub car park	
Wheat Lane Swing Bridge	L40-5TG	calibrate.whirlwind.triangle	road side	
Ring O Bells	L40-5TE	tigers.pett.grapes	car park to side of pub	
Moss Bridge Lane	L40-4BE	rail.novelists.marine	road side	
Spensers Swing Bridge	WN8-7UN	retiring.jams.peroxide	road side laybye	
Deans Lane	WN8-7UT	extreme.cushy.securing	road side	
Culvert Lane	WN8-7XA	keyboards.trumped.recount	NO PARKING	
Windmill Canal Carpark	WN8-7NW	morphing.trying.super	canal side car park	
Rose of Parbold	WN8-7NJ	majors.balloned.fuse	laybye car park	
Bramble way	WN8-7HZ	defaults.pampering.classic	car park	
Appley Bridge Canal Bank	WN6-9AW	wheat.loving.butter	canal side car park	
Bridge Inn	WN6-9AR	cheerily.newsreal.birds	pub car park	
Herrons Wharf	WN6-9ET	crossings.develops.seashell	road side	
Baby Elephant	WN6-8HZ	survey.suffice.laminated	NO PARKING	
Gathurst Station Approach	WN6-8JB	alike.motel.dollars	limited & parking controlled	
Crooke Hall Inn	WN6-8LR	emulated.reclusive.pickles	Pub car park & road side	
Greens Carpets Woodhouse LN	WN6-7TF	bunks.punt.values	road side	
Martland Mill	WN6-7NL nearest	reform.tonic.flops	canal side car park	
Stadium Way	WN6-7LA	wooden.angle.cost	Road side	
Miry Lane (Walmsleys)	WN6-7LH	defend.gold.proud	Road side	
Seven Stars	WN3-5AT	intro.hung.inform	road side	
Fresh Choice Café	WN3-4AP	jeeps.retail.slang	No Access to canal	
Trencherfield Mill	WN3-4EH	city.dull.successes	car park	
Helmsmans way	WN3-5DU	jaws.grass.intend	road side	
Britannia Bridge	WN1-3AJ	oval.modes.eggs	car park	
Farm Lane (redland tiles)	WN2-1JP	frozen.zooms.heat	road side - unmade road	
Kirklees Hall Inn	WN2-1JL	cherry.pocket.barn	Pub car park & road side	
Top Lock	WN2-1JS	shadow.fence.crop	car park & road side	
Crown Inn	WN2-1DP	rash.voting.free	Parking by agreement Only	
Withington lane	WN2-1EY	maybe.blind.grand	limited road side	
Leyland Mill Lane	WN1-2SG	organ.canny.reap	road side laybyes	
Red Rock	WN1-2UW	dugouts.cilmes.angle	canal side car park	

PLEASE PARK RESPECTFULLY DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAYS OR FIELD ACCESS,S

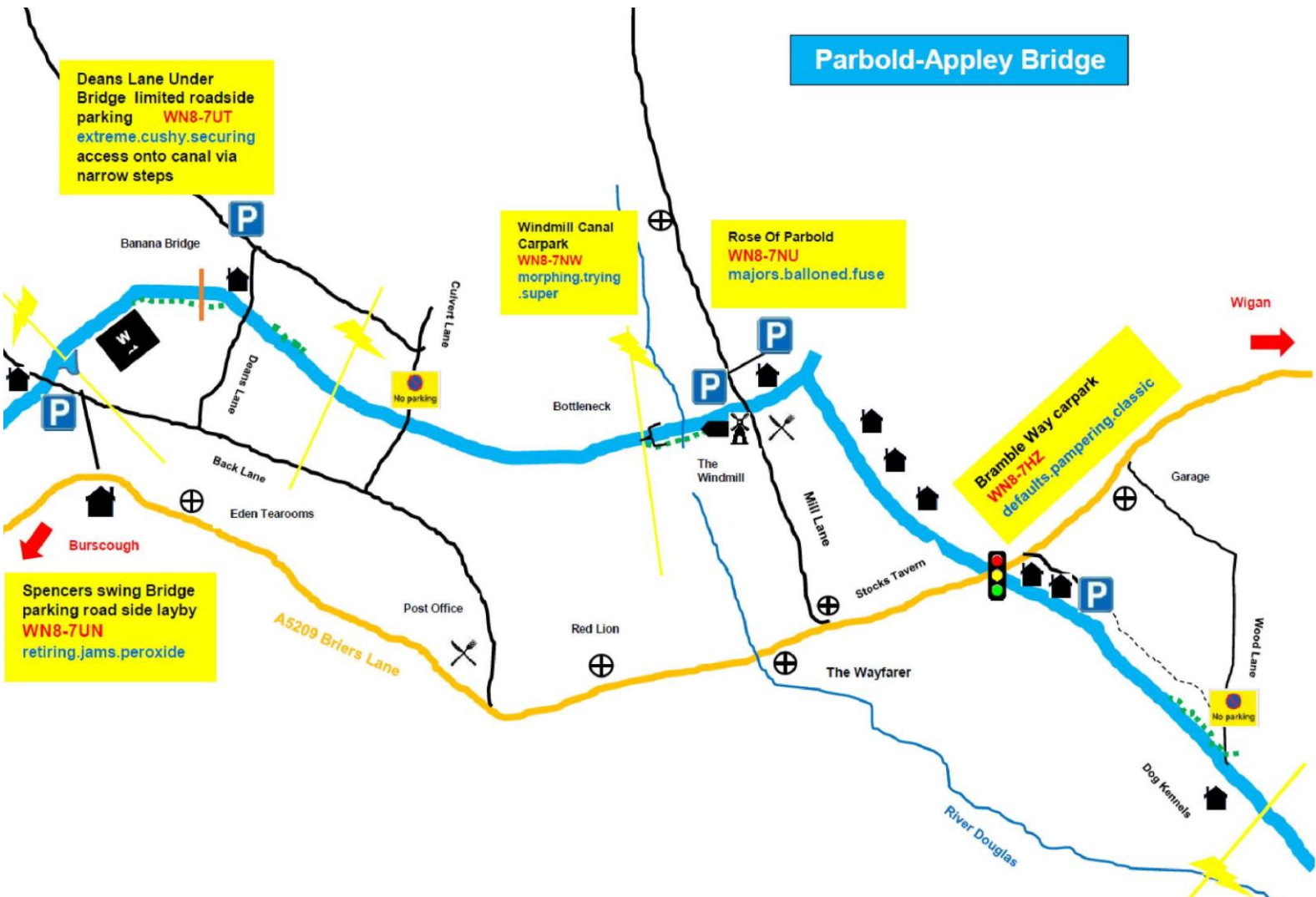




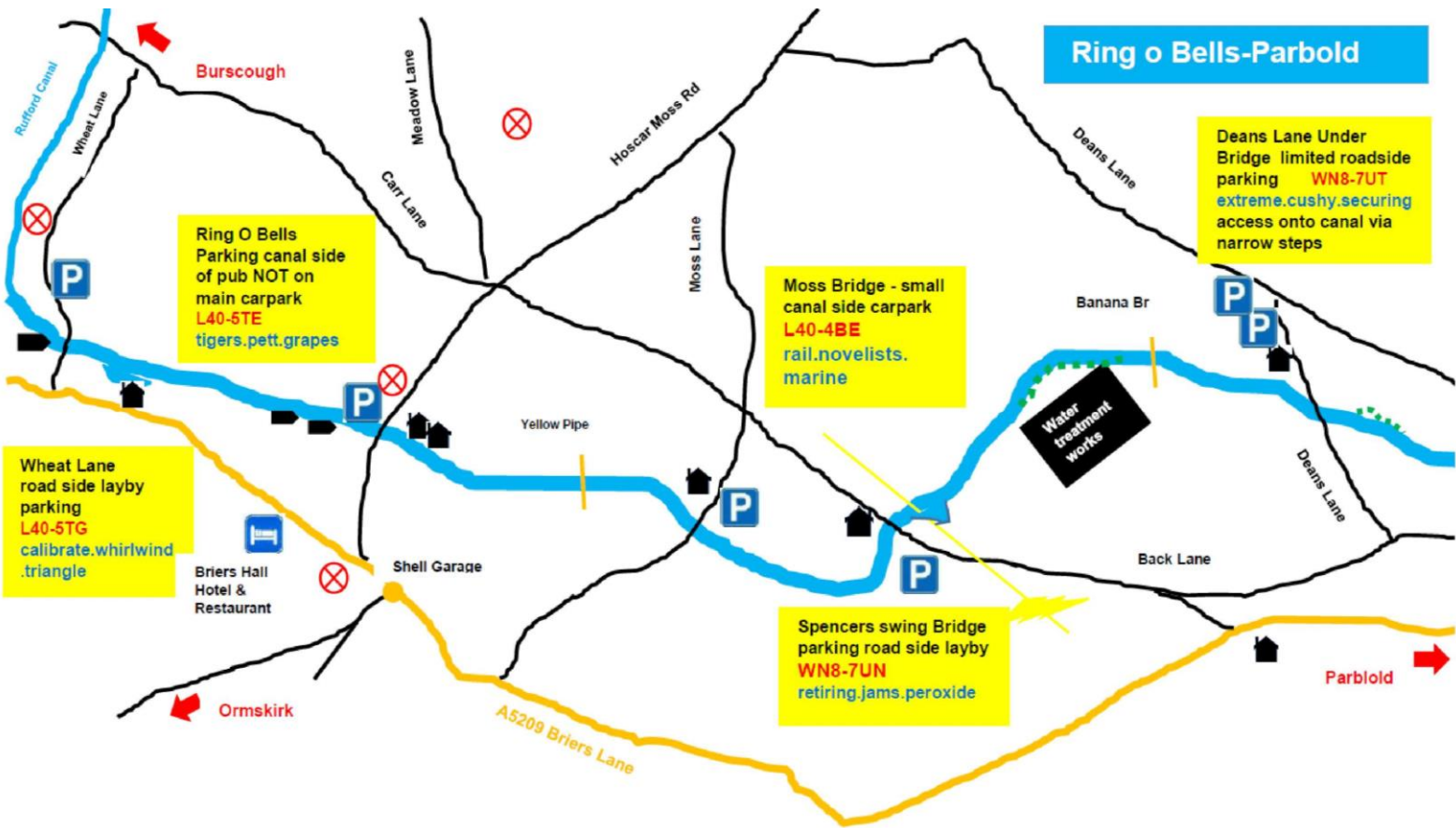
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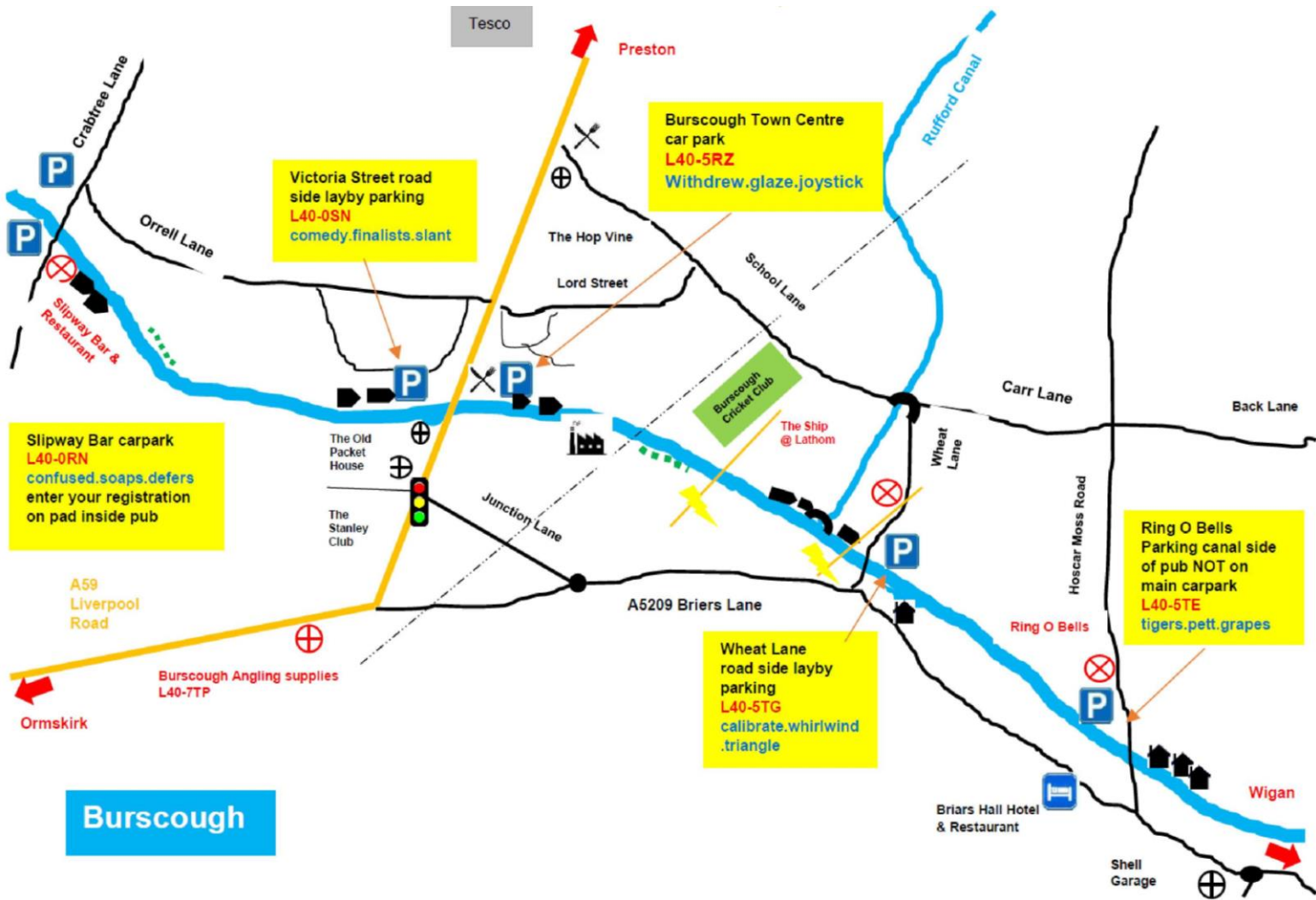
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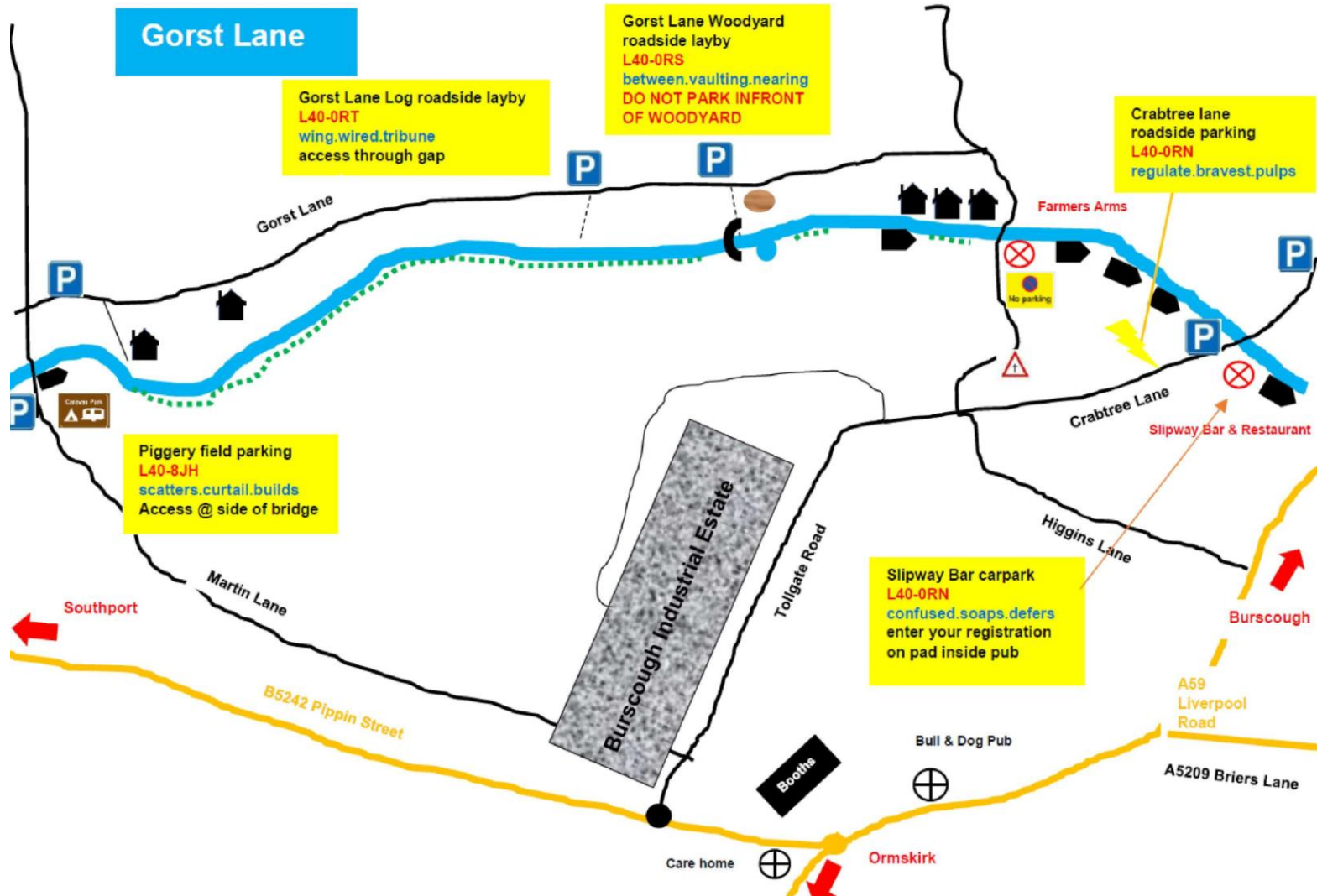
# SECTION TBC – RING O BELLS



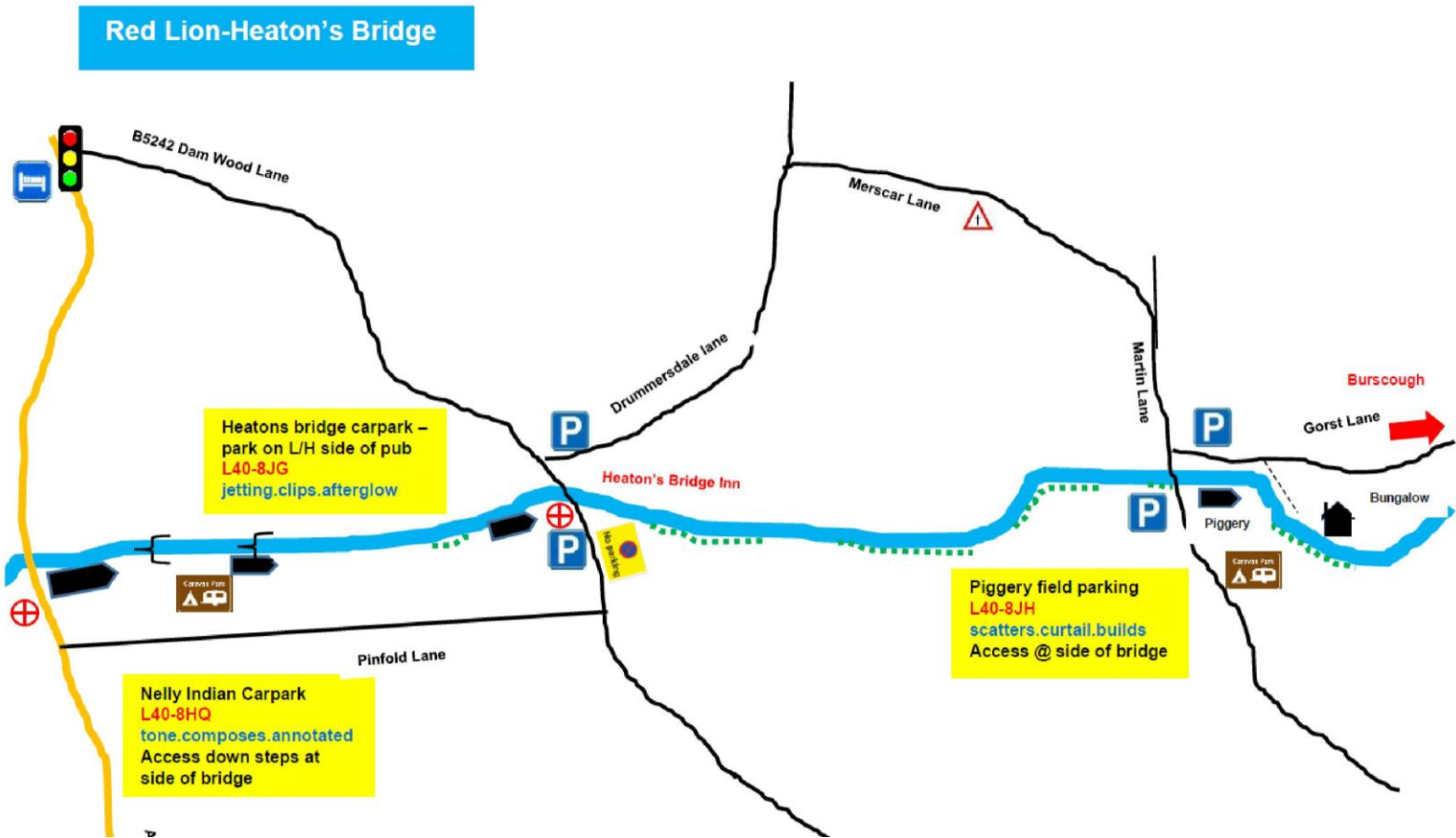
# SECTION TBC – BURSCOUGH



# SECTION TBC – GORST LANE



# SECTION TBC – HEATON'S BRIDGE







# Angling Trust Division 1 National Championship Rules 2024

1. The Angling Trust (AT) will organise National Championships each year. The AT Coarse Management Group will be responsible for supervising the arrangements.
2. The number of teams in the 1<sup>st</sup> Division will be limited to 50 and the remaining Clubs and Associations in the AT eligible to compete shall be formed into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division.
3. Promotions and Relegation's will operate on a 10 – up 10 – down basis, assuming a FULL ENTRY OF 50 TEAMS IN EACH DIVISION. Should there be less than 50 Teams in any Division the number of Teams relegated will be varied downwards. Any team not competing in its designated National Championships will normally be relegated ONLY one Division although this may vary with exceptional circumstances.
4. The Sections to be used in each National Championship will be closed for fishing to all competitors in that Championship from midnight on the Sunday prior to the National Championship.
5. The National Championships will be “pegged down” competitions, pegs to be preferably 20 yards (18 metres) apart, or more where practicable. And must be a minimum of 30m from overhead power cables.
6. Member Clubs and Associations are entitled to enter more than one team consisting of 10 anglers in the Divisional National Championships. Member Clubs and Associations shall not be entitled to compete with Teams consisting of fewer anglers than those referred to in this Rule unless prior written consent has been obtained.
7. In order to qualify to compete in the National Championships a Member Association/Club must have paid its subscription for the current year by the due date. All competitors taking part must be Individual Members of the AT.

The Team Entry Form comprising up to 20 names plus the any pools in respect of the first ten names on the Entry Form **ONLY** must be received at Angling Trust Competitions Office by the deadline stated on the team sheet prior to a club's respective National Championship. Failure to comply with this date will mean the Team being refused entry to the Championship.

8. No person may compete in more than one Divisional Championship in the same year.
9. No person will be allowed to compete in the event if they are **under the age of 16 on the day of the Championships** unless they have a been issued with an Angling Trust Young Angler Exemption which is valid at the time of the Championship.
10. Organising clubs will provide Senior Stewards who will help to co-ordinate the weigh stewards provided by the clubs.

11. Each club/association will provide a section steward for the event to work alongside the hosting venue's Senior Stewards for weighing in and recording.
12. Stewards will do their utmost to prevent spectators approaching or interfering with the competitors. However, a maximum of 4 Bank Runners per Team is allowed and will be clearly identifiable. They may pass information to their own team members only.
13. ALL Team Captains shall report to the Team Registration Steward prior to the draw whether or not they have any changes to make. The number of changes a Captain can make at this time will be restricted to two anglers from the reserves listed on the Team Entry Form. Where any such change is made, the incoming angler MUST fish the drawn Section and peg of the angler they are replacing.
14. A Team representative will draw a peg set on the day of the Qualifier. Team members MUST fish the Section/Peg shown in the peg set as drawn for them.
15. No competitor will change their peg or section. Any angler who commences fishing at the wrong peg will be disqualified.
16. Competitors must plan to use private transport in every case to transfer from HQ to their section and return.
17. Any angler may bring a caddy to help carry their tackle to their peg. Once at the peg no further assistance will be allowed.
18. No competitor will have live or dead fish in their possession before the Championship.
19. The signal to commence and cease fishing will be given by the Senior Section Steward in each Section.
20. The duration of the Championship will be 5 hours.
21. Before the starting signal no competitor must on any account ground bait or loose feed the swim but will be allowed to:
  - Wet a line
  - Plumb the depth
  - Test the float
  - Mix or wet ground bait
  - Clear their fishing ground of weed or obstructions
  - Position their equipment

**You cannot:**

  - Cast a feeder – a bomb must be used
  - Ship out any form of pot (pole-mounted or cupping kit) over the water
22. A competitor may wade provided that the water does not extend above the knees, unless they can touch the bank, in which case the water can extend above the knees. The same principles apply to platforms and knee depth is to be taken at the front of the platform. No box legs may extend beyond the front of the platform.

23. Every competitor must fish from within one metre either side of their designated peg. On flowing water, the angler will fish from their position in the direction of the flow as far as the next peg. On still waters they may fish as far as half the distance between their peg and the pegs on either side. Where competitors are drawn on opposite banks the limit of the swim will be the middle line between either bank. The competitor will restrict their activities completely to these boundaries, neither their person, tackle, bait, ground bait or hooked fish may intrude into their neighbour's swim.
24. In an extreme situation e.g., snagged tackle or a snagged fish, an angler must seek permission from their neighbour(s) before moving from their designated peg to try and remedy the situation.
25. No competitor may leave their peg during the Qualifier other than to go to the toilet. However, in the event of an emergency and/or severe weather conditions, a competitor may leave their peg but only with the express permission of the Senior Section Steward. In such circumstances the Senior Steward may decide in the best interests of the competitors that fishing should be suspended. In the worst-case fishing may be terminated by the Senior Steward upon instruction from the Angling Trust Competitions Team and event organiser.
26. A competitor must not cause annoyance or to seek to interfere with another competitor during the Championship. They must always act in a sporting manner.
27. A competitor shall have in use, one rod or pole, one line and single hook at one time, but may have other poles or rods and tackle assembled behind them where possible, providing that tackle is not baited.
28. Any bait, subject to the local rules appertaining at the time of acceptance as a National Championship venue, may be used during the National Championships, except live or dead fish, spinning baits and artificial lures.
29. Maximum length of poles permitted is 16 metres, floating poles are not allowed.
30. Braid hook lengths are not permitted.
31. Surface Floating baits either hook or feed are not permitted.
32. Lead shot is banned above a size 8 (0.06g).
33. The use of electronic fish finders is forbidden.
34. No competitor shall present their baited hooks into their swim by any means other than the pole or rod to which the line is attached.
35. All feed may be thrown in by hand, or by the use of one- or two-handed catapults, throwing sticks, swim feeders, bait droppers, bait cups and bait shuttles, but no other mechanical means of projecting feed is allowed. No bait shall be introduced with a pole or bait dropper attached to an extra pole or rod whilst continuing to fish. Spodding is not permitted.

36. Competitors must strike, play and land their own fish from the confines of their own peg (see Rule 23). Hand lining fish is not permitted, this includes hand lining elastics and line, also not allowed is the practice of trapping stretched elastic with the hand down the length of the pole, fish should never be bullied like this. **This does not affect the use of Pulla bungs and similar devices.**
37. Competitors must retain all fish in a keepnet that complies with the relevant Environment Agency byelaws (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-rod-fishing-byelaws-for-england-freshwater-fishing-with-a-rod-and-line>).
38. All keepnets must be laid out on the bank before the start. Keepnets will only be allowed to be put into the water 15 minutes before the all-in.
39. 2 keepnets are not a requirement for the 2024 Division 1 National, but we ask that anglers are sensible and consider taking/ using a second keepnet where appropriate. Competitors must lay ALL keepnets out on the bank before the start, as per rule 38.
40. All fish caught are eligible for weighing except Game Fish (salmonids, including grayling) & Pike. Crustaceans (e.g crayfish) are not fish and do not count.
41. Competitors must, if practicable, keep all fish caught alive. If for any reason competitors cannot keep fish alive the Stewards shall have the power to weigh in during the Championship and return the fish alive to the water.
42. Competitors must cease fishing at the signal. Should a competitor still be playing a fish hooked before the signal is given, they will be permitted no more than 15 minutes after time has been called to land the fish.
43. All competitors will remain at their pegs until details of their catch have been recorded by the Steward, except for the purpose of clearing litter from their swims or as defined in Rule 25.
44. Competitors are responsible for ensuring their pegs are clear of litter and no competitor shall have their catch weighed in who has litter on the banks of their swim.
45. Both the competitor and steward(s) must ensure that the correct procedure is used for transferring fish from a keepnet to a weigh net. They MUST utilise either,
  - a. pulling a lower ring through and pouring fish into the weighing net or
  - b. swimming them up the keepnet and pouring.
46. The individual weight of each competitor will be recorded to the lowest possible denomination on the scales provided in Kilograms.
47. After each competitor has been weighed in at their peg and signed for, all fish must be carefully and considerately returned to the water.
48. Competitors must, if practicable, keep all fish caught alive. If for any reason competitors cannot keep fish alive the Stewards shall have the power to weigh in during the competition and return the fish alive to the water.

49. Any dead fish should be weighed and recorded separately; the steward will clearly mark this on the weigh sheet. The decision as to whether the dead fish will be added to the weight of the anglers catch will be at the discretion of the AT Competitions Team.
50. The result of the team competition shall be determined on a penalty points system. The top weight in each section shall receive 1 point, the second highest weight one point more etc. In the event of anglers failing to catch a fish, together with absent or disqualified anglers, they shall receive maximum points.
51. In the event of more than one competitor recording the same weight in the same section, those competitors will receive equal points. For example, if two anglers were to tie in fifth place, they would both receive five section points. The angler with next lower weight will be awarded seven section points.
52. In the event of more than one team having the same total points, their final positions will be decided by total weight.
53. All competitors must conform to Environment Agency byelaws. Any competitor reported to the Event Management Team by the Environment Agency for being unable to produce a valid license shall be deemed to be in contravention of the Rules and shall be disqualified. All pools, entry fees etc. in respect of the said competitor shall be forfeited.
54. Any Challenge must be made in writing and lodged with a member of the AT Competitions Team or Senior Section Steward no later than one hour after the end of the match and before the results are published. Irregularities which are brought to notice at a later date may be dealt with only by and at the discretion of the AT Competitions Team.
55. If in the opinion of the AT Competitions Team, any Team or Individual is in breach of these rules or is guilty of behaviour which is contrary to the best interests of the sport, or upon complaint being received by the AT Competitions Team that there has been an alleged breach of the rules, the AT Competitions Team shall make a decision on all available facts and that decision will be final and binding.
56. Any team or competitor proved to be in contravention of these rules will be disqualified.

# Biosecurity for Competitors

Please help prevent the spread of invasive non-native species (INNS), diseases & parasites by practicing good biosecurity in the build up to this year's National. All anglers should follow the mantra of *Check, Clean, Dry* after every match or practice session.

What is biosecurity?

Biosecurity is about the measures we take to prevent the spread of unwanted plants, animals and diseases between waters. The things we could potentially transfer are wide ranging, but some common examples you might be familiar with include:

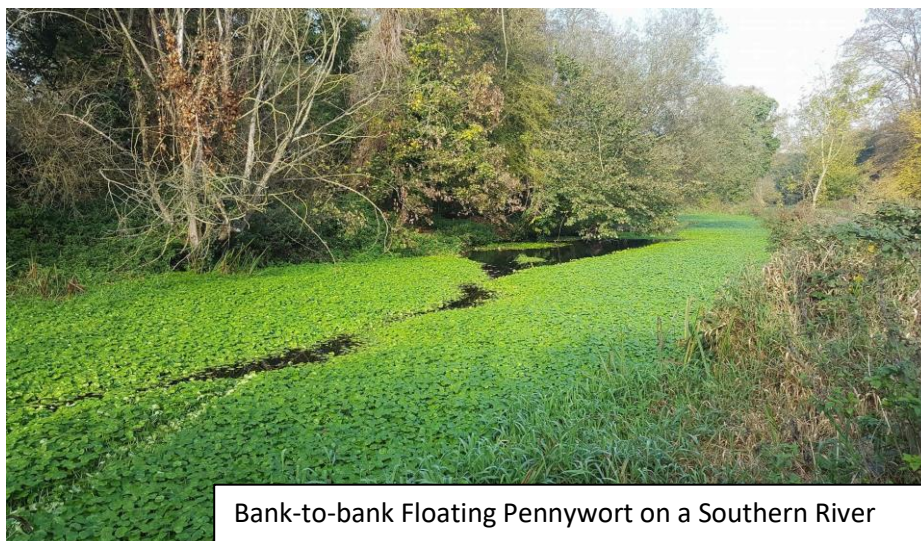
- [Koi herpesvirus \(KHV\) – viral disease](#)
- [Floating Pennywort – invasive aquatic plant](#)
- [Signal Crayfish – invasive aquatic animal](#)
- [Himalayan Balsam – invasive terrestrial plant](#)

Why is biosecurity important?

Invasive non-native species, diseases & parasites affect **your** fishing.

Match venues can be devastated by the arrival of invasive species or disease; whether it's a viral outbreak that kills fish, or plant growth that makes a stretch of water unfishable.

Invasive non-native species *are present* in and around the Leeds & Liverpool Canal, which are currently being managed. Please respect our host club and your own waters by following the guidance on the next page.



Bank-to-bank Floating Pennywort on a Southern River

## How do I practice good biosecurity?

Biosecurity is simple when carried out by following Check, Clean, Dry. You should pay particular attention to:

- Keepnets & landing nets – which should be clean and completely dry before they are submerged. (Note rule 38 RE keepnets)
- Stink bags – which should arrive at a venue dry. You should not under any circumstances bring your nets to a new venue in a wet/ damp stink bag which hasn't been dried or cleaned.
- Footwear – invasive terrestrial plants such as Himalayan Balsam can be easily spread by their seeds, which could be carried in the mud on your boots.

**STOP THE SPREAD**

Invasive plants and animals can carry diseases that kill fish, and block waterways and banks interfering with fishing. They can be small and hard to spot so are easily spread on damp equipment and clothing.

Protect the environment and fishing you enjoy by keeping your kit free of invasive plants and animals.

**Remember to check these places**

**CHECK** Check your gear after leaving the water for mud, aquatic animals or plant material. Remove anything you find and leave it at the site.

**CLEAN** Clean everything thoroughly as soon as you can, paying attention to nets, waders, and areas that are damp and hard to access. Use hot water if possible.

**DRY** Dry everything for as long as possible before using elsewhere as some invasive plants and animals can survive for two weeks in damp conditions.

Watch out for

QUAGGA MUSSEL    KILLER SHRIMP    FISH DISEASE    FLOATING PENNYWORT

Funded by the Aquatic Biosecurity Partnership:



Find out more about invasive plants and animals and how you can help to stop the spread at:  
[nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry](https://nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry)

Team captains should ensure that all squad members are briefed on the above.

For further guidance on biosecurity, visit:

[The GB Non Native Species Secretariat Website – Biosecurity for anglers](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/the-gb-non-native-species-secretariat)  
[The Angling Trust Invasive Non Native Species Homepage](https://www.anglingtrust.net/invasive-species)

Or contact Ian Doyle via [ian.doyle@anglingtrust.net](mailto:ian.doyle@anglingtrust.net) or on 07951037091

# Practice Opportunities

Day tickets are not available on the Wigan & District Angling Association stretches of the Leeds & Liverpool Canal, but match lineups can be booked at £5 per peg (minimum of 5 anglers) via Lead Organiser Trevor Smith ([trevorsmithy@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:trevorsmithy@blueyonder.co.uk) or 07906 847226). The club ask that this is done in advance to prevent areas from being overfished.

The Club also run members only matches on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Individual membership costs £45 for adults and £27 for over 65s. For details and results of these matches, join the Wigan & District Angling Association Canal Flyers Facebook Group by clicking here. Any anglers fishing the flyers will have the opportunity to qualify for the annual 'King of the Cut' match which guarantees a minimum of £2000 to the winner.

Wigan & District Angling Association practice an affiliated membership scheme, where a club or team can join for a registration fee and receive cards at a discounted rate. For more details, contact Trevor Smith.

**\*\*NO BAIT TO BE THROWN IN AFTER FISHING\*\***



*Appley Bridge April 2024 (Martin Crombie)*



## Leeds & Liverpool Canal Practice Matches

Below is a list of open practice opportunities on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal in July and August. Included are also 3 events on Liverpool & District Waters, which are adjacent to the National sections.

Date	Match	Section(s)	No of Pegs	Book on with...	Draw Venue
06/07/2024	Canal & River Trust Pairs	Appley Bridge	TBC	<a href="#">Canal &amp; River Trust via Eventbrite</a>	TBC
07/07/2024	Wigan DAA Open	Crooke & Martland Mill	100+	Trevor Smith	Crooke Hall Inn WN6 8LR
13/07/2024	Canal Masters Qualifier	Burscough	60	<a href="mailto:canalmastersfishing@gmail.com">Simon Mottram via canalmastersfishing@gmail.com</a> (further details on the Canal Masters Facebook Page)	Burscough Slipway L40 ORN
14/07/2024	Wigan DAA Open	Saracens Head & Heatons	100+	Trevor Smith	Burscough Slipway L40 ORN
20/07/2024	Canal & River Trust Pairs	Liverpool & District Waters (NOT ON NATIONAL SECTIONS)	TBC	<a href="#">Canal &amp; River Trust via Eventbrite</a>	Maghull Community Association L31 2JH
21/07/2024	Wigan DAA Open	Parbold	100+	Trevor Smith	TBC
28/07/2024	Wigan DAA Open	Gorst Lane & Burscough	100+	Trevor Smith	Burscough Slipway L40 ORN
03/08/2024	Angling Trust Individual National	Saracens Head to Ring O Bells	TBC	<a href="#">Angling Trust Website</a>	Burscough Slipway L40 ORN
10/08/2024	Barry Davies & Cliff Jones Memorial Pairs	Liverpool & District Waters (NOT ON NATIONAL SECTIONS)	100+	<a href="#">Mike Dickson via the Liverpool &amp; District Angling Facebook Page</a>	Maghull Community Association L31 2JH
11/08/2024	Frank Holding Memorial	Liverpool & District Waters (NOT ON NATIONAL SECTIONS)	100+	<a href="#">Mike Dickson via Liverpool &amp; District Angling Facebook Page</a>	Maghull Community Association L31 2JH

## Accommodation

Chain/Name	Location	Address	postcode	distance
Premier Inn	Wigan Town Centre	Harrogate Street	WN1-1BL	1.1 mile
Premier Inn	Wigan-	Warrington Road	WN3-6XB	2.1 mile
Premier Inn	Wigan North	Almond Brook Road	WN6-0SS	3.1 mile
Premier Inn	Haydock Park	Yew Tree Way	WA3-3JD	6.1 mile
Premier Inn	Chorley	Moss Lane	PR6-8AM	9.1 mile
Premier Inn	Southport	544 Southport Road	L40-9RG	12.3 mile
Weatherspoons	The Bocket Arms	38 Mesnes Road	WN1-2DD	2.6 mile
Holiday Inn Express	Wigan	Martland Mill Lane	WN5-0LX	0.7 mile
Holiday Inn Express	Leigh	Leigh Sports Village	WN7-4JY	
Travel Lodge	Haydock	Piele Road	WA11-9TL	5.2 mile
Best Western	Lancashire Manor Hotel	Prescott Road	WN8-9QD	3.8 mile
Swan & Railway Hotel	Wigan	80 Wallgate Wigan	WN1-1BA	0.9 mile
Ramada	Chorley South	Mill Lane	PR7-5LR	6 mile
The Red Lion	Newburgh	9 Ash Brow	WN8-7NF	5.8 mile
The Mount	Orrell	Orrell Road	WN5-8HQ	1.9 mile
Wrightington Hotel	Wrightington	Moss Lane	WN6-9PB	3.8 mile
The Bellingham Hotel	Wigan	141 Wigan Lane	WN1-2NB	1.2 mile

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