

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL PROCESSES

As members were advised at the 2019 AGM the Association will move to an on-line membership application and renewal process for the 2020 fishing season. This will ensure that members have a choice of renewal and payment methods and will not face any delay in receiving their permits for the new season.

Changing to on-line renewal will result in a significant reduction in administration time for the Committee. The processing of paper applications is extremely time consuming and therefore we will levy a supplementary charge of £10 for anyone who still wishes to use the paper renewal and application process.

Each member is required to obtain an ID card for the 2020 season. This is provided as part of the on-line renewal process at no additional charge to the member. The ID card will include a photograph of the member and so it is important that the member has a photograph available before starting the application process. Members can upload photos that they've taken themselves on their phone or an existing one they've taken before. The purpose of the photo is for identification so should be a photo of the members face only similar to a passport photograph.

For the first year of on-line renewal members will be asked to set up an account so that the Association has an up to date record of all their membership data. Members are asked to update their account should any key information change such as a new email address or phone number. This can be done at <https://app.clubmate.co.uk/c/ogmoreanglingassociation>.

Life Members and Bailiffs: There is a specific process to be followed for all life members and bailiffs these members should contact the Membership Secretary for guidance on renewal.

To Join or renew your membership please click the link below:-

<https://app.clubmate.co.uk/c/ogmoreanglingassociation/register>

New adult members are required to pay an enrolment fee of £100.00.

Junior members moving up to adult membership are required to pay an enrolment fee of £50.00. For this purpose, juniors are deemed to become adults when they reach their 18th birthday before 3rd of March in the year of transition. Junior members below the age of 5 at the start of the season will not require a licence if fishing with a club member.

Club Rules: All members are required to abide by the Club Byelaws a copy of which can be found in the rules section of the website

Membership of Ogmore Angling Association is open to all anglers regardless of ability, age, sex or race but the number of members is limited so in some years. Should that situation arise your name will be registered onto a scrupulously managed waiting list. The level of membership fees and the cost of limited period permits will be set by the committee on an annual basis.

Fees for 2020

The subscription charges for the 2020 season are as follows. New members apart from juniors please add £100.00 joining fee, there's no joining fee for juniors.

Renewal method

On-line

OAP, aged 65 or over before March 3rd, 2020 - £50

Adult, aged 18 or over before March 3rd, 2019 - £100

Disabled adult member - £50

Junior, aged under 18 before March 3rd, 2019 - £20

For all membership related enquiries please contact membershipsecretary@ogmoreangling.com.

Paper applications and renewals should be sent to Membership Secretary, Ogmore Angling Association, c/o 9 Nant yr Adar, Llangewydd Court, Bridgend. CF31 4TY.

Paper based applications

New applicants, download the OAA Membership Form for the 2020 season from the Membership page on the club website

Existing members, download your OAA Membership Renewal form the Membership page on the club website

Important: all applicants using a paper process are required to send a photograph together with their name to the membership secretary so that an ID card can be produced. membershipsecretary@ogmoreangling.com

Catch Returns

All members of the Association must complete a mandatory catch return at the end of each season on the form issued by the Company.

We understand that you might not feel it's necessary because you didn't have a very good season and besides, what good would your input do anyway?

Even a nil return tells us a lot about the state of the river. All catch returns benefit the Association in a number of ways. They are used in the first instance to monitor the state of the migratory fish returning to the Ogmores. The information that we obtain goes into a database that can indicate trends over a period of time of a possible falling population of migratory stocks. Rather than be reactive to any issues, we can be proactive and put in place plans to investigate and possibly offset minor problems before it's too late.

Secondly, we must safeguard the fishing for present and future generations of anglers. As such, we require catch returns to enable us to record, what fish were caught each season. For example, should a major pollution incident occur that devastates the river, through various agencies, we would be able to seek compensation. However, without a true and accurate record of the catches that have been made, the Association would not be able to make representations for the loss of fish, other agencies, based on the number of fish caught would not be able to make an assessment of the number of juvenile fish lost and therefore, any possible restocking program would be seriously undermined because of the lack of data, i.e. catch returns that could be relied on.

We hope then, that you can see how important a catch return is to the Association.

Completed catch returns should be sent to: Membership Secretary, Ogmores Angling Association, c/o 9 Nant yr Adar, Llangewydd Court, Bridgend. CF31 4TY.