



Barrow Angling Association – Autumn Newsletter 2026



Seasonal Update

As autumn arrives, another angling year draws to a close. The long, hot, dry summer of 2026 created difficult conditions across our waters, with high temperatures and low oxygen levels pushing fish into deeper, cooler areas.

To protect fish welfare, we avoided stocking in August. Now that temperatures have dropped and rainfall has returned, **Poaka, Harlock, Ireleth, and Knotallow have all been stocked this month.**



Final stocking: October at **Ireleth only** 🧑🌿 **Catch & Release:** Ireleth will be *catch-and-release only* from 06 October until the March 2027 stocking. 📘 Notice boards and logbooks will be updated accordingly.

A big thank you to **Jim Ireland** for replacing all notice boards with new, clearer versions.



Wildlife Update

The Ospreys are migrating after a strong breeding season in South Cumbria.

However, **Cormorants remain active** on all waters. They can consume several fish per day — and with brown trout costing the club **£5 each**, they pose a real challenge.



Please gently scare them away if you can.



Upper Ireleth Dam Works

Work to level the Upper Ireleth dam (Reservoirs Act compliance) has completed.



Take care on Ireleth as it is still soft underfoot from the works.

Completing the work now helps avoid winter disruption and mess.



Events & Competitions

Our September Open Day at Poaka was a great success.

 **Winner:** *Callum Bagley* — most fish caught 🏆 Thank you to all participants and volunteers.

Looking ahead, we plan to run **two Open Nights in early 2027**, when fishing conditions are livelier.



Weed Management

Weed growth has increased due to mild winters and hot summers. We are exploring long-term solutions but without professional cutting equipment it remains a challenge.

If you wish to clear your swim:  **Hand-held weed rakes** (with rope) are available online. You may use one as long as it does not disturb other anglers.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Monday 7th December 2026 at the Royal British Legion, Barrow.

 **Full members only** may attend and vote.  Agenda proposals must be submitted by **30 October 2026**. Email invitations with detail will follow.

This is your chance to meet the team and help shape the club's future.

Chairman's Winter Fly Recommendations

Winter fishing can be excellent with the right approach.

 **Best time:** 10am–2pm  Temperatures peak and flies are more active 
Trout will still rise to a well-presented dry fly.

Washing line is a floating or sink tip line, you could use a slow intermediate as well. Fluorocarbon tippet three flies. Flies about 3ft apart. Point fly is a booby. Fab two buzzers small nymphs on the droppers. Cast out and let it drift or very slow retrieve. Takes can be savage so no less than 6lb breaking strain tippet.

Nymphs

- Pheasant Tails
- Frazer Nymphs
- Diawl Bachs

Spiders & Buzzers

- Black Spiders
- Buzzers
- Small Emergers

Dries

- Hoppers
- Emergers
- Snatchers
- JNN

Lures

- Cats Whiskers
- Cormorants
- Vivas
- Black & Green Fritz
- Blobs

Wets

- Black Zulus
- Bibio
- Kate McLaren

Recommended Line

 **D13 Intermediate sinking line**

Thank You

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm. Wishing you tight lines and warm wishes as we head into the winter season.