

<u>Proposal</u>	Siting of storage container to rear of existing building. For use by the angling club for storage of the equipment used as part of the junior coaching programme
<u>Location</u>	Clarence Park, Milner Avenue Bury, BL9 6NG

Background information as to why the additional storage is required

In 2013 a joint bid by RAA and Bury MBC was submitted to the Lottery fund/Sport England for the current Club room, it was granted in 2014, ground was broken in 2015 and keys handed over in July 2016. Our goal was to develop a community coaching facility for young anglers ensuring a small 100 year old club could continue to promote angling in Bury.

AGM minutes show that membership has grown from 107 in 2016, 249 in 2020 and 329 in 2022 representing those aged from under 11 years to our 60+ year old veterans and expected to continue. Junior coaching, based on the Lido, will host up to 30 children on a Thursday evening usually from aged 5 to 15 years over 25 weekly sessions in the summer months. Youngsters can progress from beginners to match anglers and now we see our Junior and youth match teams achieving success in both individual and team sections of the National Commercial and National Canal Championships.

During the winter months we have delivered a successful weekly programme on two evenings in the club room on related angling topics for those that have opted to attend.

Following the Covid period we have established a Wellbeing group meeting on a Thursday morning that merges club members with members of the community with social prescriptions.

The coaching programme has been requested and delivered to other community groups for example Bury College, Rochdale College, Cambian Chesham House School and the Sunnywood Project.

To achieve this the club have sourced funds to provide appropriate equipment to ensure that all youngsters can participate with equipment provided. This means seat boxes, nets and the appropriate rods/poles for use. Our success means that it is now a challenge to be able to store equipment, maintain and prepare it for regular use and keep it secure.

Throughout our tenure at Clarence Park the club have worked to improve the local environment and ecosystem for anglers and park visitors. This has been funded through grants from both the Environment Agency and Angling Trust and much of the work needed carried out by our members, voluntarily. Often this requires the storage of resources for a period before use and the tools/equipment necessary for the work to be undertaken readily available on site, we do have a boat to support work that may need doing but this is stored off site currently.

To support continued development, growth and success we recognise the need to improve our storage capacity to ensure the teaching and coaching area of the club room is free of excessive amounts of equipment. Clearly an extension to the clubhouse would be ideal but will take time to plan and source funding. The container will provide us with an opportunity to maintain our community programmes and development of the ecosystem in which we operate and time to seek and establish alternative solutions.

