



# The Fire Service

## *Sports and Athletics*

### *Association*

## **National Angling Section**

### **2023 NATIONAL ANGLING SECTIONS REPORT TO FSSAA AGM**

After coming out of the 'pandemic' we hoped that the Angling Section could run a full program of events. By this time last year we had 3 National Competitions booked and another well on the way to being organised.

April saw our Northern Ireland Coarse National take place. We have been running this event for about 38 years and we are the one of the oldest festivals in the area second only to the famous 'Classic' Angling Festival.

Due to the 'Pandemic' we have not been able to return and compete in Northern Ireland and this was our return. We were embraced by the local community and all enjoyed the week.

Shortly following the Northern Ireland National in May we held the Game National on Grafham Water. Again, this event has not been held for 2 years, it was good to see old faces again. We had teams from Scotland, Wales and Dorset take part in the event.

Our next event was the Coarse National held at The Oakes Fishery, Sessay. West Yorkshire. This was biggest event with 75 competitors taking part.

We had a representative match, the Public Services Coarse Angling event, we had 2 British Fire Service teams involved.

Other competitions were organised but due to anglers still not feeling safe enough to travel we had to cancel them due to lack of numbers'

All our events were down on past years, I believe this is due to a hangover from the 'pandemic' and now we have the incredible rise in prices especially fuel which we see how the years calendar plays out. We are just finishing off the final organising for the Northern Ireland Coarse National and the Coarse National is virtually organised.

I am hoping that we will have at least the same number of events as last year with more competitors.

We request a grant of £1600 to allow for this to happen.

Regards

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Secretary  
FSUK National Angling Section.