

RAWDON-SMITH TRUST FOR THE BED OF CONISTON WATER

Newsletter 2025

Welcome to the 2025 Newsletter! The Trustees thank you for your support over the last year.

The bed of the lake is owned by the Rawdon-Smith Trust and the fees it generates are applied to charitable purposes within the five parishes of Coniston Water. The Trustees are able to offer funding to local charities and voluntary bodies and were pleased to award grants of £43,796 over 2024. This year the Trust has supported various projects which encourage maintenance, restoration and enjoyment of the natural habitats in the valley and sustainable environmental goals. This includes £11.5k towards Youth Services, £5.3k Satterthwaite Parish Hall refurbishment, Coniston WI summer trip and Christmas lunch, support for DofE at John Ruskin School, plus many others.

We have had a pleasing reduction in boats breaking from their moorings over the last couple of years, and would like to thank mooring holders for keeping on top of their mooring maintenance. As a remainder, it is recommended to have moorings serviced at least every three years. This can be done via MK Moorings. After the engine thefts experienced by several boat owners in 2023, we were able to work with the police on an awareness campaign and offered free anti-theft kits using the generous funding from the Cumbrian Police and Crime Commission. We are pleased to report that there were no thefts reported in 2024, however all licensees are encouraged to remain vigilant and to take special care to secure their craft and belongings.

The **Coniston Boating Centre (CBC)** makes attempts to call licensees if there is a problem with their boats so the more information supplied the better. Alternate phone numbers are useful and your e-mail may need updating. Don't forget to update your boat details so that we can identify your craft on the water. The **CBC** and **Water Park** would like for licensees to know that the **call-out fee for 2025 will be £150**.

Fees 2025

Moorings for boats under 20 feet	£620	Lake Bank Boat Club + One berth	£170
Moorings for boats 20/26 feet	£710	Lake Bank Boat Club - Extra berth	£110
Small private jetties	£120		
Large private jetties	£230		

Communications:

New mooring applications can now be made via our brand new website (<https://rstcharity.uk/>), or alternatively via our Secretary Janette at, rst.secretary@rstcharity.uk. Once your license has been issued, communications should flow through Daniel, rst.lake.warden@rstcharity.uk. **Please keep your contact details up to date and notify the secretary of any changes.**

Insurance Certificate

All license holders warrant that they retain 3rd party coverage on their craft to a value of £2,000,000. The Trust retains the right to request to see a copy of this insurance certificate at any time. Please note that all jetties, including pontoon jetties, should also be covered by 3rd party insurance to a minimum of £2,000,000.

Relinquishing Moorings

You are reminded that if you relinquish your mooring, you need to inform the Lake Warden in writing. Moorings are non-transferrable unless authorised by the Lake Warden in writing. When transferring moorings, the **boat and mooring will remain your responsibility until the paperwork from the new mooring holder is received.**

Mooring/boat identification

Names/makes will now be the primary identifier for craft on the lake, so please ensure that any changes are communicated to the Lake Warden. A reminder, **please make sure your mooring number is painted on your buoy.** This is very important to enable people to identify the correct moorings. If you have not done this and someone else picks up your mooring then the Lake Warden won't be able to help. **This is the mooring holder's responsibility.** If your boat comes off the mooring the Boating Centre will struggle to find your mooring and you may be charged for a holiday mooring. **Boats that can't be identified and are left in a poor state may be sold and disposed of if the owners cannot be traced.**

Late payments

Non-payment is considered a breach of the mooring conditions and **the licence shall automatically terminate.** The Lake Warden may dispose of the vessel in any manner it deems fit without incurring any liability whatsoever to the Mooring Holder.

Mooring Maintenance

Please ensure that your mooring is in good condition before you put your boat back on the lake in the spring. If you are leaving your boat on the water for the winter please make sure that it can be clearly identified. If it breaks its mooring and cannot be identified by the Boating Centre, Water Park or the Lake Warden, recovery won't be carried out. Martin Knowles, at mkmoorings@outlook.com is the preferred contractor to carry out mooring maintenance, to include inspections and mooring replacements on the lake. Martin will undertake the majority of mooring maintenance from March 2025. Therefore **please inform him now** of any works required to ensure maintenance has been carried out for the next season.

DATA Protection

Your data is maintained solely for the purposes of upholding the license agreement and for contacting you in the event of an emergency with your boat. Licensee/member banking data is maintained only by the processing bank. A Security List is maintained of members who want to be advised of security lapses in their area.