



## The Rawdon-Smith Trust for the Bed of Coniston Water

# Newsletter 2026

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### WELCOME AND CHARITY NEWS

Welcome to the 2026 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 to a range of local sporting clubs, schools and activity centre's supporting water-based activities for children from the surrounding parishes over 2025.

This year also saw the continuation of the rewilding of the field at Lake Bank, and the start of a long-term tree management plan for the Old Railway Line. We were also pleased to install new canoe and tender racks at LBBC to increase capacity for new members.

### IMPORTANT UPDATES TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Following a series of storms in 2025, there has been an increase in boats breaking their moorings on the lake. This presents a risk to your own and others' craft, but also puts those who carry out rescues at risk in bad weather. Effective from January 2026, **all moorings on the lake** must have been fully inspected not less than every 2 years as part of the Terms and Conditions of having your mooring license. This work can be carried out by MK Moorings, or by another contractor and proof of inspection must be available upon request. Inspecting every mooring on the lake is a time consuming process, so there will be a **1 year grace period** to ensure there is good opportunity for inspections to be completed across 2026. If your mooring hasn't been inspected or installed since January 2024, please contact MK Moorings this year.

## ANNUAL FEES FOR 2026 SEASON

Moorings for boats under 20 feet LOA	£630
Moorings for boats 20-26 feet LOA	£722
Small private jetty	£122
Large private jetty	£234
Lake Bank Boat Club + 1 storage space in compound	£174
Lake Bank Boat Club additional space in compound	£112

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2026 SEASON

### Communications

For all up-to-date information throughout 2026, please visit our website. Here, you can also make new mooring applications, LBBC membership applications or submit Grant requests. For other requests, please email our Secretary Janette. It is important that all contact details are kept up-to-date and that any changes are sent to Janette as soon as possible.

### Insurance Certificates

All license holders warrant that they retain 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

If you wish to relinquish your mooring, you need to inform the Lake Warden at the contact address above. This also applies when transferring a mooring, and needs to be approved in writing. **Until formally approved the boat and mooring remain your responsibility.**

### Mooring/Boat Identification

The primary method of identifying craft on the lake is the boat name and make, so please keep all details up-to-date. It is also important to ensure that your mooring buoy is clearly marked with your mooring number for identification purposes and is the responsibility of the licensee. If a boat/mooring cannot be identified, craft may be disposed of if owners cannot be traced so please keep all craft in a good state of cleanliness/condition.

### Late Payments

Non-payment within 14 days of half yearly invoicing 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 they deem 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. It is vital to check **before** launching as there is limited availability of service moorings if work needs to be carried out. 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](mailto:mkmoorings@outlook.com) is the preferred contractor to carry out mooring maintenance, to include inspections and mooring replacements on the lake.

## **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.

## **Callout fees**

As a condition of having a mooring on the lake, you agree to pay any recovery costs if your mooring fails. Coniston Boating Centre or Water Park or the Lake Warden are the primary contacts for identifying stricken craft and will make attempts to contact owners prior to a rescue, although this isn't always possible. **The fee for recovery for 2026 is £175.**

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Trustees grant a licence for the placing and use of a mooring on the bed of Coniston Water on the following conditions:

1. All moorings shall be adequately spaced and subject to the final approval of the Trustees. The responsibility for this is the liability of the Licensee. Subject to this overall liability the mooring block should be a minimum weight of 400kg with the mooring chain of at least 10mm linkage. The mooring must be maintained in good order.

2. The Trustees shall be indemnified by the Licensee from and against all claims, proceedings, costs, damages and demands whatsoever arising from any damage caused by or use of the mooring or the boat moored thereto.

**The Rawdon-Smith Trust and its agents have no responsibility for boats which come off their moorings.**

3. No refuse, waste or sewage shall be placed or disposed of in the lake and every care must be taken by the Licensee to avoid any pollution of the lake.

4. The sub-letting of moorings or moored vessels is prohibited.

5. Moorings may be used by boats exclusively for private pleasure purposes only.

6. The right to moor a boat on Coniston Water is not transferable. Transfers with the sale of craft must be authorized in advance by the Lake Warden. If the mooring is relinquished the Trustees must be notified and the licence will then revert to the Trustees. The Trustees have the sole right to issue licences to moor on Coniston Water and any other persons exercising this right are in breach of the conditions of mooring in which case the mooring will be liable to forfeiture.

7. When an existing mooring holder sells a boat and the new owner wishes to continue to moor on Coniston Water, the Lake Warden must authorize the transfer and the existing mooring holder remains liable for all fees until the new owner completes and signs a mooring application, pays the fee and submits proof of insurance to the Lake Warden.

8. The rent for the licence is due in January and July each year. If this is not paid the Licensee will be deemed to have abandoned the mooring and shall have no further rights to use this. If the craft or other property is not removed, the Lake Warden may dispose of it in any way it deems fit without incurring any liability whatsoever to the Licensee.

9. Any breach of the terms herein renders the licence subject to termination when the licence reverts to the Trustees. In any other circumstances the licence may be terminated by giving not less than three months' notice in writing to expire on December 31st yearly.

10. Any notice or communication sent by the Trustees shall be deemed to have been received by the Licensee if sent by ordinary pre-paid post to the last known address in the Trustee's records. Communications shall be deemed to have been received by the Trustees if sent to them by ordinary pre-paid post, addressed to the Trust Secretary at the address to which the last payment of the licence fee was made. E-mail is an acceptable means of communication except in the case of original signed documents. In the case of terminations or sales, a return receipt should be requested. The annual newsletter has current e-mail contact information.

11. The responsibility for making arrangements for the parking of vehicles, trailers and the storage of pram dinghies is a matter for the Licensee who must ensure that this has full local authority.

12. The Licensee must ensure that any boat using the mooring is adequately insured for third party risks to a minimum 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.

13. The maximum size of boat permitted on the mooring is 26 feet overall this measurement being the total length of the hull and all its fittings including the pulpit and the rudder set at ninety degrees to the transom.

14. Invoices will be issued twice a year in January and July, and will be sent via email. Please arrange payment via bank transfer, within 14 days of date of invoice. A second invoice will be sent in July for the second half 6 month fee. Any queries please email [treasurer@rstcharity.uk](mailto:treasurer@rstcharity.uk)

15. All moorings must be inspected not less than every two years. This includes: block, fittings, chain and mooring buoy. Proof of an inspection must be available upon request from the Lake Warden.