

Chairman's Report 2025:

Welcome to you all and thank you for attending the 2025 AGM.

Once again congratulations. We continue on an upward trend and still looking to increase our attendances. We offer a warm welcome to all who make the effort to come along.

I have previously put on record the sense of pride and friendship that prevails in the branch, promoted by the members who continue to work hard to create such a vibrant and successful branch.

I would like to mention Peter Watson who through keeping us all well informed on a monthly basis does a sterling job encouraging us all to enter Guild competitions and to have confidence in our own fly tying skills.

Plus a special mention for John Watkins who has stepped in for yours truly to run the Trout fly group.

I thank the Officers and Members for their efforts, arranging trips, helping and assessing and advising on the members efforts at tying, making arrangements and collecting information for the website and gathering fly tying materials, so we can all enjoy our hobby.

The result of all this effort is a vibrant growing group of members.

I know you will need little encouragement from me to maintain your competitive edge, keep up the good work and have fun while you do it.

The committee look forward to receiving any suggestions as to any new Social/Fishing events and please let us know of any new ideas you wish to see introduced.

I wish to notify the members that I will be standing down as chairman in 2026. Please gather your thoughts as to whom you would like to see as my replacement.

I would like to end by saying it has given me pleasure over the years, to see everyone enjoying the social side of our branch, the camaraderie and simple sharing of the pleasures of fly dressing, not to mention catching fish!!

Best wishes and tight lines

Geoff

Chairman