

# Aquatic Water Quality Award AQUA



# AQUA's Aims

- Target waterbodies open to waterway users
- Help increase their biosecurity efforts – bridging gap between GB strategy and the river bank
- Increase wash down facilities & training
- Help deliver PAPs & Target specific INNS
- Recognise centres actively conserving their site to maximise native aquatic and riparian diversity
- Three levels of the award: Bronze, Silver and Gold





**Bronze** - Site guardians, signs, social media, INNS reporting



**Silver** - Plus: dip tanks, increased survey effort



**Gold** - Plus: wash-down stations, site-specific equipment



# AQUA BIOSECURITY ACCREDITATION SCHEME

This certifies that

Jennetts Reservoir - SWLT

has met the required biosecurity standards and  
achieved a SILVER AQUA award



Date: 27/11/23

Signed:   
Neil Green - AQUA Project Lead



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# AQUA STAGES

- Stage 1 - Desktop research
- Stage 2 - Communication
- Stage 3 - Site visit
- Stage 4 - Site Guardian(s) appointed
- Stage 5 - Training
- Stage 6 - Implementation
- Stage 7 - Site checks
- Stage 8 - Collate evidence
- Stage 9 - Accreditation





## AQUA BIOSECURITY ACCREDITATION SCHEME SILVER AWARD CRITERIA TABLE

Site Name: <u>Manvers Lake</u>	 <b>SILVER AWARD</b>	<b>EVIDENCE REQUIRED</b>	<b>PROGRESS</b> Red = no evidence Amber = evidence incomplete Green = complete	<b>NOTES AND LINKS TO EVIDENCE</b>	<b>Summary Details</b>
<b>1. Site Form</b>	1.1 Submit a completed Site Form to AQUA Project Manager	Add link to completed Site Form or submit separately.		 1.1 - Site form .docx	Jake - Check over details I have changed, mainly due to angling being on site and giant hogweed.
<b>2 Biosecurity risk assessment</b>	2.1 Carry out biosecurity risk assessment on all aquatic assets using provided matrix. Complete summary statement of risk on Site Form. Repeat annually.	Complete summary statement of risk on Site Form and send to RAPID life Manager		Assessment on 1.1	Risk assessment completed - Low Risk
	2.2 Internal yearly audit with external review to ensure compliance	Contact Rapid Life Manager to arrange external audit if appropriate		Audit agreed with Neil Green January / Feb 2024 during Silver upgrade	





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# AQUA: VOBSTER DIVE SITE





# AQUA: KAYAK/PADDLE BOARD SITE



# AQUA results

- Approx. **60** sites
- SWLT / SWW – **32** sites – B-23, S-7, G-2
- National expansion (RIMP boundaries) – APHA funding to 2025
- Severn Trent & Yorkshire Water
- British Canoeing & Angling Trust
- 15 sites in process now including some NNS priority sites
- Anglian Water & Thames Water



# THANK YOU FOR LISTENING



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