

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**RECREATION AND LEISURE**  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Officer:** Mike Cox – Outdoor Recreation and Asset Manager

**FISHERIES**

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**Purpose of Report**

To update the Council the work of Shrewsbury Town Fisheries

**UPDATE**

Mousecroft Pool. We are still waiting for Western Power to complete the tree work, but a delay was inevitable after all the recent storm damage around the county. Once the work is done, it is intended to remove two willows. These willows are leaning badly and if they fall over they could damage the bank of the pool and adversely affect the ability of the pool to retain water.

As mentioned previously, the three new disabled platforms have been very well received, and a recent donation will fund the construction of another three platforms of a similar design, but slightly smaller in size.

A grant application is also being made for funding to install a further three platforms.

Monkmoor Fishery. Work has been done on the lane, we are just waiting for some more stone to complete the surface levelling.

Oxon Pool. Still performing well and successfully. The new gate has been installed. A new problem we have is with vermin climbing into warm engines and causing damage by chewing cables and pipes. Steps are being taken to ensure safe control of vermin is undertaken.

Reabrook fishery. This fishery continues to work well with many positive comments. Some additional signs are to be made and installed.

Radbroom Pool. This pool is to have three new replacement platforms paid for by the recent donation. Patrols in the area have been working well. Recently during a cold snap, the bailiff found some school girls attempting to walk across the pool, he managed to talk them off the ice and made a visit to the school. The school raised the issue at the morning assembly to raise the awareness of the danger of walking on frozen pools. This demonstrates that the bailiffs not only patrol and look after our assets but do perform other duties, whether related to safety or reducing anti-social behavior, for which we are extremely grateful.

County Ground and Quarry. Once the season has closed, it is intended to repair two pegs in the Quarry and one at the County ground, to ensure they are in a safe condition for the start of the new season.

Emstrey Fishery. This site now has in the region of 130 anglers signed up for this location, and it is putting a strain on the existing parking arrangements.

The Fisheries are currently in discussion with a local land owner to see if a plot can be made available. If agreed some work will need to be done to ensure it is available during adverse weather conditions. Five platforms were due to be installed on this fishery but due to Covid and high river levels, there has been a delay.

Belvidere Fishery. Some local residents who fish the area have asked if the provision in that location can be improved.

Grant applications are being made for the provision of three platforms.

Sydney Avenue. Grants are also being made for the provision of 4 replacement fishing platforms.

New signage is to be installed at Doctors Field, the Reabrook, Belvidere and Estrey Fishery

Family Academy will commence from Easter, with a total of eight events running until the end of the Summer.

Angling competitions. Recent events have had to be cancelled due to the high river levels.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. That the report is noted
2. That the Fishing Co-ordinator & Bailiffs be thanked for their continued work and vigilance