

SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
RECREATION AND LEISURE COMMITTEE
Wednesday 10th May 2023

Officer: Mike Cox – Outdoor Recreation and Asset Manager

FISHERIES

Purpose of Report

To update the Council the work of Shrewsbury Town Fisheries

UPDATE

Mousecroft Pool.

The Fisheries team completed a clean-up around the pool and thinned some of the invasive lilies to maintain water quality.

The photograph below shows the fisheries team in receipt of new equipment, kindly donated by the Environment Agency to assist with repairs and up keep.



Monkmoor / Belvidere Fishery.

The new boundary signs have been installed in both locations.



Junior Academy

Four dates have been added to the website for coaching sessions for junior members for the summer. The last event will be a competition with prizes for the winners. The coaching will be run with our eight qualified angling coaches at Mousecroft Pool.

Fisheries Permit Fees

All fisheries new fees have been implemented from the 1st April in accordance with the scale of charges.

Water Testing on the River Severn and Reabrook

Attached are the water testing results up to April this year for the River Severn in Shrewsbury and also an invertebrate sample survey for the Reabrook.

The Reabrook Survey was implemented by the Rivers Trust.

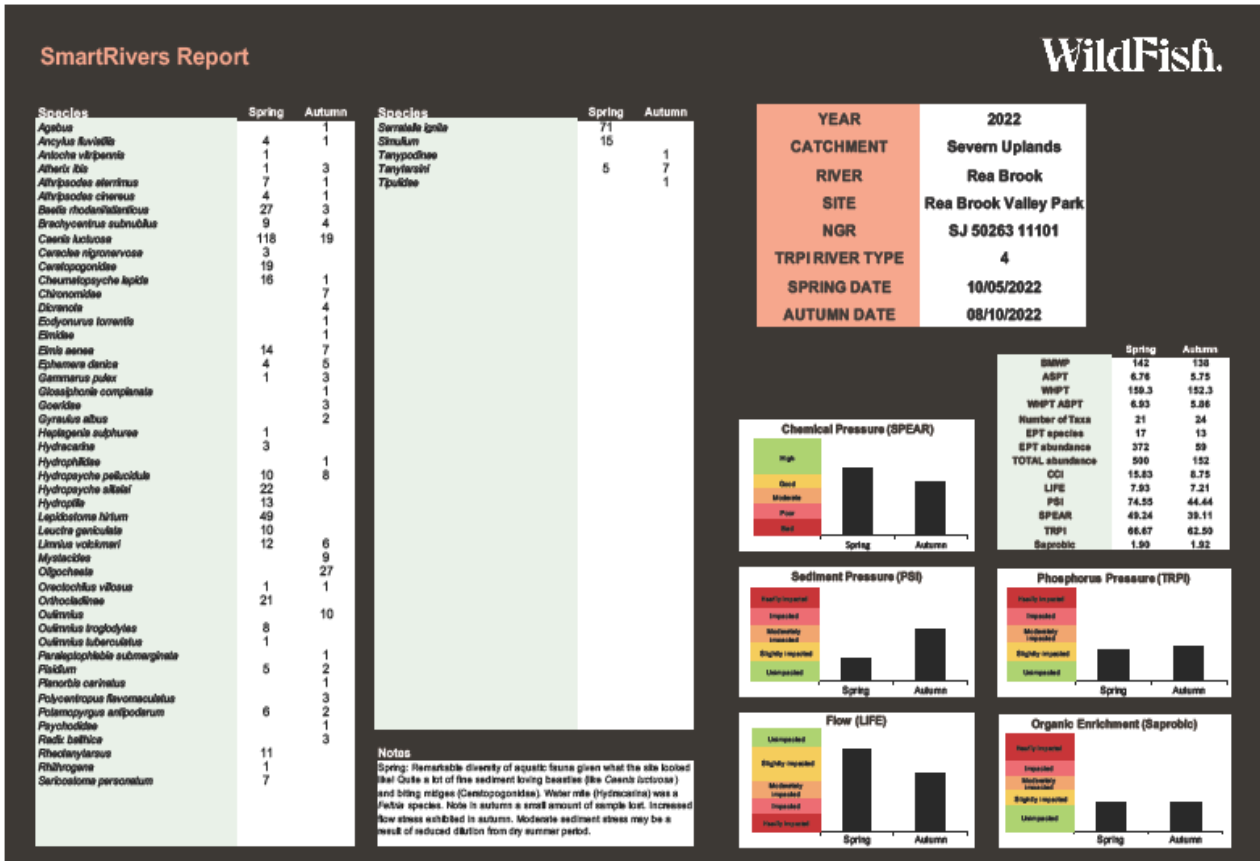
The results highlighted in red in the water testing survey are an indication of results that are exceeding the permitted levels. The survey scheme with the Angling trust is to look at parameters over a long period of time if which will be a minimum of two years. We plan to continue beyond the two years.

The results can change over the seasons throughout the year.

Over time we shall be able to see a pattern and whether the River Severn's water quality is improving or getting worse.

Where results are way over the permitted limits, these will be reported to the Environment Agency and logged with Fish Legal to investigate.

The testing is implemented by six volunteers on a regular basis in fixed locations on the Severn and its tributaries.



All Fisheries

Within the next two weeks the fisheries team will be grass strimming around the fishing platforms around all our fisheries in preparation for the new river fishing season on June 16th.

County Ground

A new small strong metal gate has been installed near to the swing gate on the river path above the cricket ground. The gate is locked and protected by a combination lock for STC and fisheries staff only. It can be unlocked by fisheries staff during competitions to allow easier access and for river maintenance.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the report is noted.