

SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITIES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
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FISHERIES UPDATE

Purpose

To update the Council the work of Shrewsbury Town Fisheries.

Summer Heatwave

With the extreme high air and water temperatures that we have been experiencing, we had to make the decision to close all our fisheries for a week on 11th July to protect fish stocks and also the health and wellbeing of our anglers. The PH levels on the river were at dangerous levels for fish despite the dissolved oxygen levels being acceptable. The pools were reading water temperatures of nearly 30c. The river and Mousecroft Pool reopened after testing and remains open currently. Radbrook, Oxon Pools and the Reabrook remain closed due to low water levels until we have some significant rainfall.

New River Platforms

We can confirm that four new river platforms have been installed on the River Severn. One installed on Sydney Avenue and three on our Emstrey fishery. The platforms have been match funded by an Environment Agency fisheries improvement grant. They are of high build and will benefit anglers with easy access to fish the river. This takes our total to 143 platforms installed on our river and pools fisheries in eight years.

Junior Coaching

Our most recent coaching event took place on 24th July and was fully booked. All the youngsters taking part had a brilliant time and caught plenty of fish with the help of our coaches. Our next coaching event is in August and is also fully booked. I am pleased to see a further influx of junior angler members and an increase in parent and child participating in fishing on our fisheries of which bodes good for the future of the sport.

Radbrook Pool

As the pool is currently closed for fishing due to low water levels, we have decided to take the opportunity to remove some of the overgrown branches on the one side of the pool with permissions. This will improve the air surface of the pool and help significantly with a wind tunnel to improve dissolved oxygen levels in the water.

Monkmoor

In an earlier fisheries report we noted that there were issues with Monkmoor Lane having excessive damage by farmers vehicles creating massive potholes. I am pleased to say that after discussions with the farmer, he will re profile the lane soon after harvest to make a good repair for the fisheries access which is good news.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the contents of the report are noted.