

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
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Officer: Andy Jones – Shrewsbury Town Fisheries

FISHERIES UPDATE

Purpose

To update the Council the work of Shrewsbury Town Fisheries.

River Fisheries Works

During the next 6 weeks our fisheries contractors will be installing two new replacement river platforms as the old ones have done the test of time at Sydney Avenue. In addition, there will also be a new replacement platform at Monkmoor and another at Emstrey. All platforms will be completed to our usual high standard.

Radbrook and Mousecroft Pools

At Radbrook Pool in the next three weeks we shall be installing some new pathways around parts of the pool where it gets very wet under foot during wet periods of weather. This work will provide smooth stone pathways to improve access for anglers, members of the public and people with disabilities.

On another topic, we are still trying to catch the three runner ducks at the pool to remove them and take them to their new home. It's proving to be a testing task but we'll get there.

At Mousecroft Pool we have some more minor works to the lane near the new gate to complete with further stone to improve the surface drainage when it is wet. This will be completed in the next three weeks.

Junior Coaching

On Saturday 19th July we ran another successful coaching event that was fully booked for our juniors at Mousecroft Pool. (See Pictures Authorised below). They all enjoyed the day learning the correct way to fish, catch plenty and how to care for the surrounding environment. Our team of trained coaches did an excellent job supervised by our head coach Ian James and the Canals and Rivers Trust.



Fisheries Permit Sales

During the months of June and July I can report that permit sales have been exceptional and our fisheries staff have been kept very busy at all hours of the day. There is an increase in local members and also outside members from all over the country including Scotland, London and even Kent.

Fisheries Enforcement

Our water keepers/ bailiffs are proactive around the fisheries, and we have had increased patrols with our wildlife police officer plus also on a couple of occasions help with the local policing team who have helped us with poachers who have been caught. The police have been excellent in their response. The presence of our police is important as a deterrent.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the contents of the report are noted.