

SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
RECREATION AND LEISURE
Wednesday 6th July 2022

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.

Still waiting to have the three additional platforms installed, these should be done later in the Summer when the work load reduces.

The site has been tidied with the platforms strimmed and branches cut back, and a boat is to be used to thin out some of the water lilies which if left will choke the pool.

An angler recently complained about tree work being done on the site as it spoilt the peace and tranquility, having looked into it, we found that it was Western Power removing excessive growth from near to the electricity cables, this should mean no additional work required by them for another five years.

Monkmoor Fishery.

The chippings still have not been done, however this is being led by the farmer on site and we have to work around his commitments. The relationship between all parties is excellent and the improvements to the lane will be done.

Oxon Pool.

All maintenance work has been completed which included strimming, cutting back branches, new gate and fence. New signs have been delivered and these should have been erected by now.

We are having problems with delivery vans parking in the entrance to the car park, however we hope with bailiffs paying regular visits this will reduce.

Reabrook fishery.

Signs have been delivered, just awaiting the posts and these will be installed over the Summer holidays.

Radbroke Pool.

Some control of invasive water plants may have to be done in the summer to prevent the pool from becoming choked.

County Ground and Quarry

A second cut of the grass will be completed later in the summer, we do have some campers near to Theatre Severn leaving a mess, but we believe Shropshire Council has the situation in hand.

Emstrey Fishery.

The new parking area has been approved by the land owners, this work may be completed in August or March next year, it is dependent on finances and prioritising the work, due to an unsuccessful grant application the anticipated new platforms are put on hold.

Belvidere Fishery.

Three platforms are to be installed, but having not been successful with the grant applications, the work is subject to priorities.

Sydney Avenue.

Problems being encountered with overnight parking. These vehicles are nothing to do with Anglers but people have assumed it is them. We are currently working with the local ward member and parking enforcement to deter this from occurring.

The Bailiffs have also mentioned that the beach area is being heavily used by individuals for barbecues, they are leaving a lot of litter afterwards. Again accusations that it is anglers were made, but we are assured this is not the case.

Family Academy.

These sessions have been a huge success, with the request to add an additional four places on the last two courses, this has been done.

Water Quality.

The bailiffs have now instigated regular testing of the river and rea brook in several areas along our area of responsibility. Results are being sent to the Angling Trust and EA

Water Safety.

Eight bailiffs and the fisheries manager have now been throw line trained and they are to be equipped and be provided with life jackets all paid for by the Anglers.

More training is to be done later in the year with the fire service in relation to safety training in the dark and during times of flooding.

Enforcement.

Two bailiffs have now completed the voluntary bailiff scheme so they can assist the police with enforcement not just on our fisheries, but elsewhere when required.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the report is noted