

COFTON LAKE CONSERVATION LTD

On Friday last week it was brought to our notice that a resident backing onto the lake had employed an outside Company to bring in trucks and clear the undergrowth behind his property. This Company had been given the Security number of the lock and had already cleared most of the area. The Committee had no knowledge that this work was being undertaken. The resident was a Committee member. An emergency Committee meeting was called for Monday night and the resident in question has resigned from the Committee, apologised and offered to pay for the damage the trucks have made to the North bank.

We would like to draw your attention to rule No. 8 – Trees, hedges, boundary hedgerow and any other plants within the confines of the lake area must not be removed, cut or trimmed without permission being granted by the Company. We would also state that vehicles must not be driven along the land around the lake but should be left in the area designated for car parking.

A 3ft wide pathway can be cleared from a resident's gate as far as the pathway – no trees whatsoever can be removed without permission. The Fishing Club are clearing the pathways around the lake and removing any dead trees that could be dangerous.

The security number on the gate has had to be changed – the new Number is 1412.

I am sure you will all agree that this lake was purchased in order to retain its natural beauty and preserve and enhance its wildlife, and it is up to all its members to police this area. If anyone sees anyone contravening these rules will you please get in touch with a Committee Member.

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Whilst writing I would point out that due to the fact that this area has been neglected for many years it will take some time before work is completed and care should be taken when walking around the area. The 'bog' area is particularly dangerous and should not be walked on – please ensure that children are supervised and keep to the paths. The Fishing Club have a 'working party' this coming Sunday and of course will be working more often once the weather improves. Talks are taking place to install floating islands and discussions are continuing regarding bridges to enable the whole area to be accessed. Any ideas you may have will be welcome. The AGM is being arranged for some time in April – Date still to be confirmed. Thank you for your continued support.

Diane Carr - Secretary