

COFTON LAKE CONSERVATION LTD

NEWSLETTER – JULY 2014



The main aim this year has been to enable the pathways around the lake to be more easily accessible. Thanks to the people demolishing the Leyland site, 20-tons of rubble was delivered free of charge and has been laid on the path across the dam. Volunteers were called for to help with this task. Thanks to all who turned up, fishing club and members, and the dam wall is now more accessible.

We still have a long way to go. We do have many members who find it difficult to access the pathways which in some cases are very wet and muddy and very narrow. We are arranging for railings to be installed in four areas where the pathway is very steep and have purchased eco plastic grids which will be bedded in on sand and filled with hardcore to reduce the boggy areas and increase the width of the pathway to 1 meter. We are in the process of getting quotes for this work and hope it will be completed this year.

We have also had a contractor look round the lake area who has a digger. A quote has been received from him to level off the pathways on the South side and also to reduce the incline from the pathway to bench number 1 (first bench after the dam).

We are always looking for volunteers, and we thank you for the volunteers who have turned up on working party days, but please if you are able to help please get in touch via our web site or through a committee member. We are also looking for volunteers to paint the bridge! We could employ contractors to do all this work but we would have to increase the annual subs to cover this cost.

It has been brought to our notice that some residents who back onto the lake have cleared large areas the width of their garden into our land. We would point out that this area is a conservation area, wild flowers have been planted and residents backing onto the lake are only entitled to clear a 1 meter pathway from their gate down to the main path as stated in the rules.

The fishing club are embarking on 'night fishing' on certain dates in the summer months. This will only be available in two four day periods each month on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and

Sunday, will only be available from designated night fishing pegs and must be booked in advance. Only one night fishing session will be permitted in any of the four day periods and fishermen must arrive at the lake by 9.0pm and not leave before 6.0am. Night fishing pegs must be booked in advance via White Swan Piscatorials. This is for a trial period only.

We are still in need of more benches around the lake area. Anyone wishing to donate a bench please get in touch via the web site. Benches must comply with benches already installed and laid on slabs and looked after. We don't want to fill the lake with benches, but we do need a few more – cost is around £150 per bench.

As this is our 10 year anniversary, we are hoping to plant some trees around the lake. Originally it was thought this could be done in September when we intend having our Picnic in the Car Park but we are told this is too early so the trees will be planted by volunteers in November however, we are also wanting to plant bulbs in the autumn – once again volunteers to help with this planting would be much appreciated.

Date for picnic Sunday 14th September at 12.00 somewhere around the car park. Hope to see you there.

Diane Carr
Chairman – Cofton Lake Conservation Ltd