

COFTON LAKE CONSERVATION LIMITED

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2019



Dear Member,

Another busy year with again some new members. May we remind residents backing onto lake that when a house is sold the share in CLCL belongs to the people who own the house and it is up to them to decide whether to transfer the share to the new owner or take the share with them. In this case the new owner can purchase a share direct from the company. There are still some houses backing onto the lake land who do not own a share. As these houses are sold it is up to the new owner to purchase a share and until they do they are not allowed access into the lake area or have a gate from their garden. We do at the moment have 3 shares for sale if anyone is interested or knows anyone who would like one.

Maintenance is continuing to take place throughout the year and we have employed our tree surgeon this year to help clear the pathways and also take out any dead or damaged trees. One tree fell onto a residents shed and in the spring we are going to check all trees that are overhanging residents gardens and any that are likely to fall will be taken out.

An e mail was sent out in May which resulted in a minor breach of GDPR. This is not classified as a serious breach and we have re assessed our e mail procedures and have now rectified the problem. We do, however, apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Following the collapse of the dam wall at Whaley Bridge earlier in the year, Canal and River Trust have been instructed to reduce the water levels at various waters in order that the dam wall can be inspected. This is happening at the moment at Cofton. C&RT are keeping us informed and will let us know when this work is complete and the water level will return to normal.

Report from White Swan Piscatorials Fishing Club:

It has been another good year for the WSP at Cofton. Our members continue to enjoy the privilege of being able to fish such a beautiful water. The carp are growing in size and this year the new lake record was set at 28.1/2 lbs which was caught by one of our night syndicate members. We have not had any catfish reported this year, so hopefully we have seen the back of them. We held our usual working parties to keep things in order, though bad weather meant that two of them had to be rearranged. We also carried out repairs to the roof of the hut which had perished and was leaking.

There was another outbreak of Blue Green Algae in September which was confirmed by C&RT whilst they were carrying out removal of some trees from the dam wall.

This was reported to the Environment Agency who advised that it would die off as the colder weather set in. Our members were advised to avoid fishing by the boathouse and dam wall where the algal bloom was concentrated. Blue Green Algae can cause irritation to the skin and breathing difficulties. For animals that drink the water or swim in it is usually fatal as they will ingest it when cleaning themselves afterwards. Please be aware of this and keep pets out of the water and dogs on leads at all times.

Dave Townshend – WSP

We must thank the fishing club for their work throughout the year. We thank Simon Munn for his input with keeping the web site updated. Please all check the web site from time to time as all minutes of meetings are always posted together with dates for working parties etc. We also thank Rob our accountant for preparing our accounts and also the rest of the directors and committee members for their continued support.

Please make a note of the date of the AGM which is held each year in the function room of the Generous George. Next years AGM will be held on Sunday 3rd May at 4.00 pm.

Please remember that annual subscriptions are due in January. These can be paid either in cash, cheque or bank transfer all as per the enclosed form.

The committee and directors thank you all and wish you a Happy Christmas and healthy 2020.

Cofton Lake Conservation Ltd
Diane Carr Chairman

PLEASE SEND THIS FORM WITH YOUR ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION
PLEASE ENSURE THIS IS IN BY END OF JANUARY

Annual subscription is £12 but the Committee would like to thank all members who pay more – they can be assured that this money is put to good use.

Name.....

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Subs to be in by end Jan. Cheques made out to Cofton Lake Conservation Ltd and sent either to Sue Garvey 58 Ashmead Drive Cofton Hackett B45 8AB or the registered office 19 Cofton Lake Road, Cofton Hackett, B45 8PL or direct into our bank sort code 30-96-12 - a/c number 53186960

According to the Memorandum and Articles of Association the subs for the lake are due from the date of the AGM until 1 January in the following year. Anyone not paying in this period will have their share cancelled and made null and void.