

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE
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FISHERIES UPDATE

Purpose

To update the Council the work of Shrewsbury Town Fisheries.

Coaching Events

Coaching events are once again being planned for our Juniors, Shropshire Recovery Adults and also Fish Talk Release Adults for Health and Wellbeing. Last year they all were well attended, and full details of dates will be detailed in further reports once all is confirmed.

Mousecroft Pool

The installation of a new gate with side swing wicket is confirmed. The gate will be of the same design as the gates on Monkmoor and Oxon Pool, to further enhance the fisheries. Completion should be by the end of March at the latest.

Weather permitting, it is hoped that by the end of March we can complete in addition, some surface maintenance on the lane potholes, clearing of the platform frontages to preserve angling access and the levelling of the footpath area where it tends to flood over now that the water is much better retained.

Radbrook Pool

As reported previously, we have completed all the new platforms as part of an Environment Agency AIF Grant. As part of the grant, we do need to complete the small footpath areas and some tree works by the end of March. We are hoping to get a dry spell to complete this work to satisfy the grant.

River Fisheries

Currently in the process of applying for two Environment Agency AIF grants and one of the grants is for three replacement platforms that are required at Sydney Avenue, an additional platform at Monkmoor and a further replacement for Emstrey. This is in the process of being costed and the application must be completed by the end of January.

Oxon Pool

A second grant application is for an additional fishing platform at Oxon Pool and maintenance required for some of the existing platforms. Full details will be in a future report once the application is completed by the end of January.

Water testing

The fisheries continued its water testing on the River Severn and Reabrook. Looking at the results the consensus is there is no improvement on water quality and in the main the results are worse, particularly with the phosphate results.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) That the contents of the report are noted.**