

WPC Management Protocol Hampden Pond

Objectives

The objective of this document is to define the best practice, guidelines, and targets

- for the management of fishing, wildlife and foliage around the Hampden Pond.
- For the safe use of the boats on the Hampden Pond
- to achieve a balance of enjoyment for all users.

This protocol is managed and agreed by the Amenities Committee and implemented by the Clerk and the Head Groundsman

General policy

The policy of the Council is to manage the Hampden pond and the surrounding area as a nature reserve. The pond itself and the designated 'swims' (fishing stages or positions) will be managed as a fishery; however the needs of the overall area take priority.

Fishing

1. Fishing will only be allowed upon the purchase of a fishing permit. Permit prices shall be reviewed and agreed annually by the Amenities C'tee
2. Permits to be available from The Clock Tower, or on the bank from an authorized bailiff.
3. Bye laws on fishing must be obeyed at all times
4. Fish must be returned to the pond
5. A volunteer bailiff may be appointed by the Clerk to monitor the fishing permits and general fishing activities at the pond. Such a Bailiff shall carry identification.
6. The clerk & groundsman may determine the need to restock and recommend action to the Amenities committee.

Wildlife (other than fish)

1. No wildlife must be disturbed or harassed.
2. A range of bird and bat boxes will be maintained

Flora

1. No foliage may be cut back, except with the express permission of the Clerk or the Groundsman
2. The Parish Council will endeavour to keep the swims clear, to enable casting of lines.
3. Some dead foliage will be left to rot as a harbor for wildlife.

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Pond Management

1. Water Lilies in the pond may be restricted to a maximum of 25% coverage. During Autumn the Water Lilies may be lifted and divided and a portion returned.
2. During autumn, the water lilies leaf pads may be cut back and removed from the pond, to prevent contamination of the water through decomposition.
3. Major debris will be removed from the pond as necessary
4. No chemicals will be used in the pond or surrounding area
5. Other water plants / weeds may be reduced if in excess
6. The clerk & groundsman may determine the need to restock and recommend action to the Amenities committee.

Safe use of Water Craft

1. The boats may only be used by personnel authorized by the clerk
2. The boats may not be used if there are not a minimum of two people present
3. Life Jackets must be worn at all times by workers when in the boat, and on the shore if working within 1m of the waterline.
4. Before use the condition of equipment must be checked before placing the boat on the water:
 - a. hull must be checked to be sound
 - b. both rollocks must be checked to be fitted correctly,
 - c. the painter (tie up rope) is attached and in good condition.
 - d. condition of the oars.
5. Appropriate clothing and footwear must be worn.
6. Never sit on the side of the boats.
7. The boats are not to be used in conditions where lightening might occur.
8. Appropriate lighting must be taken should the boats need to be used in bad light.
9. The boats may not be used for anything other than Pond maintenance or rescue.
10. When not in use the boats will be kept in secure storage

Communications

The Clerk will advise the Amenities committee of work that has been carried out, or provide recommendations of work required.