

# Adderbury Lakes Working Party Newsletter

No 6 – Summer 2023

Welcome to the sixth Lakes Working Party newsletter. I know that there were no newsletters during 2022 and we apologise for the lack of communication. We hope you have been enjoying the sunshine and been able to get out and about. Just a bit of news on the Lakes and then the dates for September onwards.

## Weed Coverage



The weed remove we purchased was used again this spring (thank you to Rick, Mike, Nigel and Gareth for doing the work) and has been as successful as the first application. However with the low rainfall the levels of the lakes meant the dead weed had risen to the surface. So Nigel and Rick added the sluice gate into the waterfall and blocked off the lower lake gate, to encourage the water to rise (and it did) allowing them to release the water and allow the weed to flow through.



## Strimming and trees

The strimming of the undergrowth has stopped for the summer but once autumn begins we will restart and hope this encourages some of the bulbs we planted at the start of the year to start poking their heads through. Although it is sad to lose trees and have to remove them for safety, it has opened up the lake views which is lovely to see

## Adderbury Activity Day 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023

As you may know there is an Adderbury Activity Day on 16<sup>th</sup> September and we are hoping to have a small table advertising the Lakes Working Parties. We will need some help with 'manning' the table, as soon as I have timings I will send out an email and if you can help please do respond. If you are around then please do come and say hello, and if you have any friends or neighbours interested in joining then point them in our direction and we'll sign them up.

## Opening and Closing times

Due to anti-social behaviour at Adderbury Lakes, the Parish Council has taken the decision to lock the gates overnight. As it is volunteers who manage the opening and closing of the lakes (both require two people), at this time of year it is not practical to open dawn till dusk. If you are interested in helping with the opening and closing of the lakes please contact Rick at [rickatkinson@me.com](mailto:rickatkinson@me.com) who would welcome the help.

## Plans for September 2023

As usual we are expecting there to be plenty of jobs for September including, path clearing and leaf sweeping, clearing unwanted saplings, clearing below the trees. We are hoping you can join us as usual and if you can cajole anyone else along, all volunteers are welcome (coffee and biscuits might be a good incentive). As usual we will meet at the car park and plan to work from 9-12. Dates booked so far are

Saturday 2nd September and 23rd September  
Saturday 2nd December

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Saturday 4th November

The Adderbury Lakes Management Group wish the Lakes Working Party Volunteers a happy Summer and hope to see you all in September.