

2016 AGM Fishery Management Report

Jan

SLIDES x 3 We started 2015 with a big tidy up at Howells
Paul had a trim up at Totham Pit and repaired our nets.
Jamie fitted a new key lock to the gate at Howells.
Paul cleared the entrance at New Hall of brambles.

Feb

1 SLIDE Ted complimented Jamie on the recent bankside work carried out at Howells.
Paul had a burn up at Totham Pit.

Mar

The padlock on Howells had to be replaced.
SLIDES x 2 Portaloos were installed at Slough House Farm and for the first time at Howells.
1 SLIDE £500 worth of crucian carp (85 fish up to 8oz) were stocked into New Hall. Thank you to the member who donated the £500 for this stocking.
Paul did some more clearing up and had some bonfires at Totham Pit.
Keith made up and installed 25 permanent pegs at Slough House Farm.

Apr

The railway sleeper at the front of the concrete swim at Totham pit was replaced.
Keith installed 25 permanent pegs at Rook Hall.
SLIDES x 4 The car park and some of the track at Little London was resurfaced with road planings.

May

Mal removed all of the litter from the pumping shed at Beckingham Hall.
SLIDES x 5 Thank you to Jamie and Paul for organising the stocking of 81lbs of mainly carp into Beckingham Hall over the weekend of 23rd-24th May.
SLIDES x 3 Jamie started to collect and introduce carp eggs into our new Beckingham Hall stock pond.
Keith installed 20 permanent pegs at Slough House West and Jamie put in 15 pegs at Howells.
1 SLIDE The new access gate was put up at Howells but farm workers ripped out the new post within days.

Jun

The car park at Bog Grove was strimmed on Sat 6th June.
Dave put up day ticket signs at Heybridge Basin in readiness for the canal re-opening for fishing on Tuesday 16th June.
Paul thanked everyone for their help at the Totham Pit working party on Sunday 14th June.
Work on the Totham Pit action plan commenced and went very well with an excellent turn out of 23 people. Everyone worked hard on swim repairs, trimming up and removing underwater branches which were burnt on the bankside. Two deep water signs were put up.
Dan Hayter of the EA attended Totham Pit along with David and Mal and tested the water. The oxygen levels are OK and even the brown sludge in the pond up the far end appears healthy.
1 SLIDE Most of the fallen willow tree in the main lake at Little Park was removed.
The fly tipping at New Hall was cleared.

Jul

Some of the new permanent pegs at Slough House Farm were vandalised and had to be replaced.

A very good working party was held at Bog Grove on Sunday 19th July and a lot of the trees were worked on.

Aug

1 SLIDE Jamie transferred around 1,000 fry to the stock pond that he had grown on in a tank. Bark chippings were delivered to Totham Pit.

Jamie thanked those who fished the Presidents Trophy at Howells on Sat 22nd Aug as 35 small carp were removed and stocked into Little Park.

Keith cleared up rubbish at Browns Wharf.

Sep

The gate post at Howells was ripped out again so the gate is now locked to the old fence.

Only three people turned up to the working party at Bog Grove on Sun 20th Sep but rubbish was still burnt and piles of logs were removed, however the fallen tree remains in the water.

SLIDES x 2 We started to put up aluminium Angling Trust notices at our main fisheries.

1 SLIDE – The new notice board was installed at Howells

Oct

SLIDES x 6 Little London was stocked with 255lb of silver fish and 375lb of carp (31 fish averaging 12lb).

SLIDES x 6 The large dangerous tree at Bog Grove was removed (an excellent job well done).

SLIDES x 6 The path at the back of floaters bay at Totham Pit was improved with aggregate and new pipes laid to improve drainage. Another excellent job carried out by Jamie, Nick and team.

Nov

The portaloos at Slough House Farm and Howells will now be kept on site all year round.

Another 568lb of silver fish were stocked into Little London. Thank you to Mal and Keith for waiting in blustery conditions for the fish to arrive.

Keith permanent pegged Bog Grove (1-25).

Dec

A new longer gate post was installed at Howells.

Paul applied some bark chippings to the paths and swims at Bog Grove but more are needed.

The cutting down of the really annoying branch at Bog Grove that was starting to look like a Christmas tree was not without incident but despite the setback the tree was cut down and removed at a later date.

Paul did some more tree trimming at Totham Pit

The railway sleepers are at Totham Pit ready to repair the bridge at the bottom of the slope when Paul can arrange for some extra help.

1 SLIDE - Kim kindly offered to clear some swims at New Hall.