

2017 AGM Fishery Management Report

Jan

Me, Simon & Mal met with the owners of Totham Pit to discuss the terms of the new licence. The owner of New Hall cut the top off the hedge and Mal and Paul opened up some swims followed by Kim Naish doing some additional trimming up. New key locks were welded to the gates at Little Park and Howells.

Feb

Paul repaired the bridge at the bottom of the slope at Totham Pit with railway sleepers. A combi lock was welded to the gate at Slough House Farm. Additional bark chippings were applied around Bog Grove. Keith permanently pegged both lakes at Little Park. 5 people attended the working party at Bog Grove on 21st Feb. [3 SLIDES] The owner of Whitehouse Farm cleared the surrounding bankside vegetation as the water level was very high making the lake difficult to fish.

Mar

[1 SLIDE] Jamie put up the CCTV signs either side of the gate at Howells and can now access the cameras. A water level marker was installed at Slough House Farm. [1 SLIDE] Greg put up private fishery & car park signs at Whitehouse Farm. [7 SLIDES] The netting of Howells on Sun 13th Mar was one of the best we have ever had. 49 Commons averaging 10lb were moved to Little Park main lake with 20lb of small carp going into the top lake. A big thank you to Midge for the use of his 16 foot nets. Paul put up additional signs at Totham Pit. [1 SLIDE] The car park at Bog Grove was scraped and resurfaced and the pot holes in the access track filled in. Most of the swim boards and steps at Totham Pit were repaired. The broken hinge on the gate at Bog Grove was welded.

Apr

[1 SLIDE] Jamie installed a post at Howells to hold the gate open while entering. [1 SLIDE] Keith put in 21 permanent pegs at Little London. Ten people turned up for the work party at Totham Pit on Sun 17th Apr. A new railway sleeper bridge with handrail was constructed over the outflow. Thank you to Dennis for supplying us with a bag of scaffold clips to install the handrail. Bark chippings were applied to paths and swims, branches removed from the water, swims repaired and pot holes filled in along the access track. Following advice from Fenn Wright the last 3 swims on the sheer bank in Colliers Bay at Totham Pit were closed off for repair and a new swim opposite was opened up to allow Colliers Bay to be fished safely pending completion of the work. [1 SLIDE] Two of our £100 key locks at Little Park were destroyed in the space of a couple of days by farm workers.

May

Angling Trust notices were put up at Beckingham Hall, Whitehouse Farm and New Hall. The balance pipe between the front and middle lakes at Rook Hall was cleared out.

Jun

Keith awarded the wooden spoon for 2016 to Paul Kemp in recognition of his fishery management work.

Paul continued painting the container at Totham Pit, repairing steps and strimming around the lake.

Russ tidied up the swims at Heron Hall where the water level was high.

Slough House Farm flooded after heavy rain and a number of carp had to be rescued from the surrounding fields, ditches and the road.

Jul

Shaun put up Angling Trust notices on the canal at Tescos and Papermill.

The owner of Rook Hall tipped some earth onto the spits so we can build them up and Peter tidied up the signs on the gate.

Over 50 permanent pegs were put in at Totham Pit.

The key padlock on the gate at Totham Pit was replaced with a combination lock.

Aug

Excellent news - we now have a new ten year licence and fish stock amortisation agreement for Totham Pit and Bog Grove that runs until 2026. A big thank you to Simon for leading the negotiations.

We held an evening working party at Slough House Farm on Monday 8th August. Some good swims were cleared and long armed shears proved effective for cutting back the reeds.

Paul did some work over at Howells to open up some swims that had become overgrown.

The key lock at Beckingham Hall was replaced.

Paul carried out work at New Hall and Little London.

Sep

The combination lock on Totham Pit was replaced.

Keith and four volunteers cleared ten swims on the canal behind Tesco's and ensured that there were 20 fishable pegs round to Chapmans.

Oct

[1 SLIDE] The hole in front of our gate at Slough House Farm was filled with hardcore.

The fallen tree in Bog Grove was removed using heavy machinery.

Paul held two work parties at Bog Grove on the 16th and 23rd Oct.

Dean dropped the water level in Slough House Farm in readiness for the winter rain to hopefully help prevent further flooding.

5 Mirrors and 19 Commons were moved from Bog Grove to Totham Pit as phase one of our restocking programme.

[1 SLIDE] The entrance at Beckingham Hall was blocked by fly tippers. Thank you to Mal and the member who shifted the rubble to restore access.

Nov

Keith strimmed up around Slough House West.

Paul tidied up tree cuttings at Howells ready to be burnt.

[1 SLIDE] A big thank you to Jamie for organising two very professional rod and line sessions at Langford Hall which allowed us to purchase 32 common carp, mostly low doubles up to 14lb. These were stocked into Beckingham Hall ready for movement onto Totham Pit in autumn 2017.

Dec

We stocked Slough House West just before Xmas with 10½lb of tench, 8½lb of crucian, 41½lb of roach, 3 perch for 5½lb and 60lb of carp. Another stocking of silver fish will follow. We are currently purchasing ide to stock into Rook Hall, Slough House West and Heron Hall.