Essex Coarse Angling Society

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FISHERIES UPDATE

LAMBOURNE: Both lakes are currently closed until the depth and dissolved oxygen levels increase.

C86: Main lake is open and keepnets are now allowed. There are two work parties booked for November 15th & December 6th. If you are free on either of the dates please contact Dave Crawford to let him know you will be attending.

BEAUCHAMPS: Both lakes are now open, there are 5 pegs currently open on the small lake. The keepnet ban has now been lifted at Beauchamps due to increased water levels. A work party is scheduled for 6th December to clear one of the islands ready for installation of new equipment for oxygenation of the main lake. If you are free on the 6th please contact Michael Noakes to let him know you will be attending. This new equipment is able to be bought from a grant that is being supplied by the EA.

Pumps were in operation at Beauchamps and were providing oxygen and committee members were turning them on and off. Committee members throughout the hot weather have been checking DO2 levels on a regular basis to help our fish to survive.





VANDALISM AT BEAUCHAMPS

On Monday 18th October, member Keith Elgar visited Beauchamps at first light and found the gate open and tied back. When he went to the bank he discovered we had been hit with vandalism. Both pumps were in the water, the hoses had been disconnected, the sump bolts removed, so oil was creeping into the water. This was something that kids would not do; the perpetrators must have had spanners etc to do it.

As well as that, the defibrillator was missing but found in the field and the two new hanging baskets and the match bell were thrown into the adjacent field.

The damage has been reported to the Police and we have a crime number, so armed with this we can contact our Insurers. Damage is well into thousands.

The defibrillator was supplied by the charity Finish Line Fund and was there to save lives.

Despite all this we have a pump and water is being pumped from the small lake to the top lake. We have lots of weed in the top lake, however having words with the EA , they have said leave it as it's giving protection to the fish. Once conditions improve we will remove it.

The committee would like to thank Keith Elgar for reporting the incident to us.

We ask you to keep your ears and eyes peeled for any rumours going around.

One thing springs to mind about our fisheries, SECURITY. Please make sure the gates are always locked and all the numbers are scrambled on the combination lock.

Many thanks

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