

Adderbury Lakes Working Party Newsletter

No 5 – Winter 2021

Welcome to the fifth Lakes Working Party newsletter and welcome to Winter !

A big thank you

To all of those who have joined us throughout 2021 for working parties. The Lakes are looking the best they have been for a long while and it has allowed us to get some long term jobs done. For those who have not been able to make it this year, please do join us next year (see the dates below for the working parties in 2022)

Tools and the shed



We have been able to purchase the new shed we mentioned in the last newsletter and this means all our tools are now safely secure and easily accessible. We have also purchased a leaf blower with the agreement of the Parish Council and this has really helped with the clearing of the paths, bridges and platforms. We purchased two batteries with it but to get all the way around the Lakes you would need at least 3!.

Water quality and weed

We are still waiting on Thames Water and the Environment Agency on our water quality and weed issue. We have identified potential causes, but we need their feedback and advice.

Arboreal work

We are still waiting for access to get the large tree cleared. The contractor will also do some work on the island to open it up. We are reviewing the Tree Survey to identify the next steps some of which the volunteers will be doing.

Nettle and bramble clearance

As you may have noticed we have been able to get larger areas of brambles and undergrowth cleared and this allows clear views of the lakes as well as opening up areas. We will be continuing with this in these areas, to encourage lower growing plants to thrive.

Deer Path Closure

We will be reviewing the deer path on a regular basis now the weather has started to become wetter. We may decide to close it and then reopen as the weather improves and the path dries out.

Working Parties

The working party dates for 2022 are 8th January, 5th February, 5th March. Working parties are naturally socially distanced due to the work required, but please only attend if you feel safe to do so.



All of the work done by contractors this year has been paid for by Adderbury Parish Council,, but we are looking at grants for 2022/2023.

The Adderbury Lakes Management Group wish the Lakes Working Party Volunteers all a safe and Happy Christmas.