

# November 2012 Fishery Reports

## HICKS FARM

This season I have noticed a significant increase in the number of members fishing Hicks Farm. The fishing has been very good all season and it is just starting to slow down. Recently one of our members caught two Crucians, one weighing two and a half pounds and the other one three. New members who would like to target Crucians try using light waggler floats or delicate pole floats as these seem to be the best tactics as Crucians give shy bites and normally feed on the bottom. Use small baits, maggots, caster and a single pieces of corn seem to give the best results, although small pellets and paste can also work well.

I have had a number of complaints about some members parking inconsiderately; please think of other members when parking.

Eric Nicholls.

## WINDMILL LAKES MOUNTNESSING

Firstly I would like to explain about the bridge at Old and Long as I have received many complaints from members about the bridge being closed for this length of time. Before I go into detail I would like to express my concerns about members who insist on crossing the bridge although it has barriers and notices across it. Please use the alternative route that is sign posted. On closer inspection, the wood on top and the structure underneath has rotted making the bridge extremely unsafe. Please keep off the bridge as we do not want anyone to hurt themselves.

Doug, Alan and I have had various meetings assessing the state of the bridge. Firstly we had to look at various options of repairing or completely replacing the bridge, on our closer inspection we found that most of the bridge has rotted and we feel that the only option is to completely replace it. I have had discussions with Shaun and he will forward our findings and costings onto the committee.

All I can say to members is please be patient as I am sure that you are aware that ongoing maintenance to all our club lakes are time consuming, costly and have to be placed into each seasons budget and prioritised. I will update members in the next newsletter.

### Security

Would all members please make sure gates are locked, as we have had unwanted visitors checking out the lakes and the farmers property. If any member sees anyone suspicious please call me and I will let the farmer know immediately.

### Litter

Thank you. Our litter problem has improved this season apart from one member who insists on throwing his blue plastic bag into the bushes. Please can you stop, the last one you threw was in the bushes at Long Lake.

### Field Lake

Fishing has been steady so far this season with all methods catching.

### **Swan Lake**

As usual plenty of silvers and Bream have been caught.

### **Old Island**

Some nice Carp have been caught along with the normal mix of Silvers and a report of a large Pike.

### **Long Lake**

Please note that the bridge to Long is closed until further notice. Please use the alternative path which is sign posted.

### **Baits**

Halibut pellets, cheese paste, sweetcorn, trout pellets, Bread, maggots, worms.

**Some Members are still leaving litter please take it home with you, if you are caught leaving your litter you will be reported to the committee. Extensive work is being carried out on Field and Swan swims; please keep away from closed swims.**

I look forward to meeting existing members and new, on the lakes.

Enjoy your fishing.

Colin Nicholls.

