

Horsehay Pool proposed management plan

1 Enhance waterway with marginal planting

2 Enhancement of existing grassland and planting

- Enhance existing grassland with wildflower seeding and bulb planting.
- Management of self-set trees and bank side vegetation to open up the view.
- Work with Friends of Group who have secured some funding.

3 Investigate the installation of six fishing pegs, north east of the site

- Longer licenses for anglers, together with anglers handbook to enable bids for funding.
- Severn Trent Water to resolve the pollution issue - awaiting confirmation from Severn Trent Water.

4 South East site improvements

- Resurfacing of Old Bridge Road. Funding set aside for Bridge Road project.
- Reinstatement of former train lines to old loco shed.
- Provision of approximately 17 car parking spaces (two disabled bays).
- Installation of bollards preventing vehicular access along the pedestrianised Old Bridge Road.
- Funding in place for the Bridge Road Project.

5 Extended landscape area for increased pool views

- A raised verge to allow extended views of the pools.

6 South West site improvements

- General improvements to the gateway area, for example: resurfacing, tree planting, seating, refurbished bicycle stands and interpretation board to be completed.

7 South West accessibility peg

- An accessibility peg to be installed at a suitable location (see item 3).

8 Fishing pegs on the west bank

- Investigate the installation of six fishing pegs (see item 3).

9 Residential space

- Amenity space consisting of picnic benches connecting onto new surfaced path network.
- Work with Friends of Group as some funding available.

10 Community space

- Potential for a naturalised play trail.

11 Enhancement of the quality of the water of the pool

- Assess the most cost effective solution.

Signage

- Update/install signage at entrances.

Horsehay Pool



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Benefits of the community

The aim of the Horsehay Pool management proposal plan is to formulate a long term plan for the future of the site to maximise the benefits for the community while focusing on a balance between ecology, conservation and heritage of the area. Liaising with key stakeholders to deliver improvements and create a better community space for residents and site users.

Ecology and conservation

Horsehay Pool is home to a range of plant and wildlife species which can benefit the natural environment. An ecology plan will give a better understanding of the biodiversity and conservation of the area while delivering improvements.

In partnership with the local parties of Horsehay Pool, funding can be sought for projects to maximise the ecology and create a stronger link for nature and the community. Project examples are: increased wildflower seeding to encourage small wildlife around the pond.

Fishing

Liaising with the Telford Angling Association, longer licenses and an angling handbook are currently being considered. With aims to improve fishing pegs and install an accessibility fishing peg, creating a more diverse and user-friendly location to fish.

General site improvements

The south east and south west areas around Horsehay Pool have the potential for improvements. Examples of general improvements to these areas include: resurfacing; extended car parking; improved seating and a refurbished bicycle stand will have a positive impact on the community creating a more welcoming impression to local residents and site visitors as well as increased accessibility for a wider range of users.

Updated signage will be both attractive and informative and will improve the educational value purposes of the area.

Residential and community space

Planning and funding for extra amenities such as a viewing platform, picnic benches and a naturalised play trail will improve the residential and community space and encourage use of the green space, creating an overall better quality of life within the community.

Funding

A number of schemes are to be investigated in more detail and scoped to enable potential sources of funding to be identified and secured.

This will be carried out in liaison with stakeholders of Horsehay Pool.

Stakeholder Involvement

Telford and Wrekin Council
Dawley Hamlets Parish Council
Residents
Friends of Horsehay Pool
Telford Angling Association
Telford Steam Railway Trust

Vision and aims for Horsehay Pool



Interpretation boards about wildlife and heritage



Wildflower meadows



Wheelchair accessible picnic benches



Wheelchair accessible fishing pegs



Bird boxes



All-access surfaced path



Pond planting for wildlife