

Friends of Horsehay Pool and Environs

Report for Dawley Hamlets Parish Council AGM April 2022

Key Achievements 2021:

Management Plan

The Friends Group have been very active in pressuring Telford and Wrekin Council into producing a Management Plan for the Pool. It is pleasing that this document has now been produced and can be a guide to future improvements around the Pool.

There is much to be done within the Plan and the Friends will continue to work with relevant partners to work on the improvements needed.

Pocket Park Scheme

The improvements planned under the Pocket Park Scheme have at last begun and a long-awaited mud free path has been installed across the grassland at the North end of the Pool. The picnic benches have been repaired and placed on hard standing. 5000 snowdrop bulbs have been planted on the bank of the inlet into the Pool.

Plans for 2022:

Pocket Park Scheme

There is outstanding work to be undertaken within this scheme: the reinstatement of the island at the North end of the Pool and reed planting around the island. The existing waterway needs to be dredged and cleared and vegetation on the island needs to be cleared and thinned. This is planned for Autumn and will have a major positive environmental impact on the pool.

Bird and Bat boxes have also been purchased to be placed on the island.

Platinum Jubilee

The FOHP will be hosting a Scarecrow Festival later in the year and also purchasing a tree to commemorate the year.