



Earlswood Lakes Major works planned

Canal & River Trust is planning to carry out work to Earlswood Lakes from April 2021. As this is likely to have some impact on residents, we wanted to share our plans with you and explain why this is important.

The project is expected to last around six months and will involve:

- Temporarily lowering the water levels within the Engine and Windmill Pools. This will maintain the safety of the dam until works are complete and allow our construction team easy and safe access to the reservoir dam wall and embankment.
- Raising the core of the reservoir main dam along Valley Road. This will help improve the dam resilience during flood events.
- Installing drainage and a collector drain within the embankment of the main reservoir dams adjacent to Valley Road. This will help drain rainwater away from the embankment.
- At Windmill Pool, the footpath along the top of the River Blythe embankment, will be raised to prevent the reservoir from topping over along this length.
- Erosion damage to the wall of the dams and to the toe of the dam in the River Blythe will be repaired at various areas in both Engine and Windmill Pools.
- To improve waterflow along the River Blythe the culvert will be fitted with a trash screen to prevent it becoming blocked with litter and debris.
- To allow Canal & River Trust colleagues easy access to the reservoir for essential reservoir safety maintenance purposes, new access areas will be created at the base of Windmill Pool and at Engine Pool dams as well as near the River Blythe channel outlet on Windmill Pool dam.
- The channel from Terrys Pool to Engine Pool car park will be desilted and the bank between channel and reservoir improved.
- During the main section of works the Causeway roads will be closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

The work is due to be completed by autumn 2021.

Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)

Stratford-on-Avon District Council, working with partners including Warwickshire Police, the Police and Crime Commissioner, local councils and the Trust, have proposed a PSPO for Earlswood Lakes. If approved this Order will allow the Police to provide earlier intervention and prevent antisocial behaviour at the reservoir.

The consultation closes on Friday 8 January so, if you've not already done so, please visit: www.stratford.gov.uk/crime-nuisance/public-space-protection-order.cfm and complete the questionnaire to provide your feedback to the proposed order.

Other improvements

Over the last six months you may have noticed several improvements we've made to the reservoir. These include:

- New litter bins, benches and safety fencing has been installed at various locations around the reservoir.
- We've reinstated the crocodile teeth at the exit to the main car park to prevent access when the car park is closed.
- We've installed new safety signs around the reservoir to remind visitors that cycling, and swimming is not permitted.
- A new gate has been installed at Gypsy Lane and at Mason Lane to prevent cyclists' access to the reservoir at this point.
- We've carried out repairs to the footpath around the reservoir.
- Working with our contractors we've cut back overgrown trees and bushes.



If you have any further feedback or concerns about Earlswood Lakes, please contact:

To report crime, anti-social behaviour, dangerous parking and speeding drivers please call **West Midlands Police on 101**

To report double yellow line parking please call Warwickshire County Council on **01926 410410**

To report litter/fly tipping and night fishing please call Canal & River Trust on **03030 404040**. Or email enquiries.westmidlands@canalrivertrust.org.uk

You can also tweet us **@CRTWestMidlands**

Volunteer with us

We have an opportunity for you to join our team as a **Volunteer Ranger at Earlswood Lakes**. The role involves you reporting any issues that you see, collecting litter, light maintenance work, telling visitors about the work of the Canal & River Trust, plus lots more. To find out more visit: canalrivertrust.org.uk/volunteer/opportunities/OPP0008223-volunteer-ranger-earlswood-lakes-solihull



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