



# Earlswood Lakes works to be completed by mid-November

Canal & River Trust, the national waterways and wellbeing charity, is close to completing its £1.6 million programme of improvements to the reservoirs at Earlswood. The works, which are required to ensure the reservoirs are compliant with reservoir legislation, have included strengthening the core of the main dam along Valley Road to improve its resilience during flood events.











Ian Bogges, project manager for the Canal & River Trust, says:



“We have completed the majority of our planned works at Earlswood Lakes. Footpaths are now starting to reopen and the lakes are beginning to refill. Wood Lane car park will remain closed until mid-November, when we will have completed our final inspections.

“As well as strengthening the reservoir dams, installing drainage in the embankment and dredging the Canal Feeder Channel, we have also upgraded two major sections of footpath, added new angling platforms and wildlife habitat enhancements. These habitat improvements include: coir roll soft bank protection along the Canal Feeder Channel; and securing waste wood in Windmill Pool for invertebrates and fish within the water, and to provide a step up over the metal piles for wildlife.

“We are grateful for the patience of local residents and businesses while we carry out these important statutory works, which are necessary by law under the Reservoirs Act. These works will enable people to continue to use and enjoy the lakes and local waterways, for wildlife, recreation, health and wellbeing.”



-  footpath
-  café
-  pub
-  shopping
-  picnic area
-  point of interest
-  nature reserve
-  sailing
-  parking
-  railway station

-  footpath upgraded
-  Causeway Road closure

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map not to scale:  
covers approx. 1½ miles / 2.4km



## Causeway Road to remain closed to traffic

The issue of anti-social behaviour (ASB) in and around Earlswood lakes has been occurring for some years, and the Earlswood Partnership Group have been looking at ways that this can be reduced.

It has become apparent that during periods when The Causeway is closed to motor traffic, the reporting of and requirement for Police attendance at ASB events has reduced. It is therefore proposed to close The Causeway to motor traffic on an experimental basis, for an 18-month period, to understand if this reduction in ASB continues. Access will still be permitted for pedestrians, cycles, horses, mobility scooters and emergency access.

The closure period is a consultation period during which time stakeholders are invited to document and report to Warwickshire County Council any positive or negative impacts. Towards the end of the closure period, those reports will be reviewed and a decision made as to whether to make the closure permanent or to reopen The Causeway. The closure will be kept under continual review and if warranted, can be reversed within the 18-month time period.

To report a crime, anti-social behaviour, dangerous parking and speeding drivers, please call Warwickshire or 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](mailto:enquiries.westmidlands@canalrivertrust.org.uk)

### For more information about the works

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