Canal & River Trust
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Earlswood Lakes Information for residents

Since the start of the Government lock down in response the Covid-19 pandemic we have had a number of criminal and anti-social incidents at Earlswood Lakes which, we know, is causing you and your neighbours some concerns.

We want to take this opportunity to explain what the charity, Canal & River Trust, supported by Warwickshire Police and Warwickshire County Council, is doing to try and tackle these issues and ensure the reservoir continues to be a tranquil place for local people and visitors.

Criminal activity
Warwickshire Police are patrolling the reservoir daily to disperse groups and to deal with anyone seen to be committing a crime, taking/dealing drugs or displaying anti-social behaviours.

Litter
To tackle the problem of litter and fly tipping at the reservoir the Canal & River Trust has increased its litter picking and rubbish removal operations. This is now happening three times a week and has resulted in several tons of rubbish being removed from the reservoir.

Parking/speeding drivers
Warwickshire Police along with Warwickshire County Council are carrying out targeted patrols of vehicles in breach of double yellow line parking. This is primarily on Valley Road and Malthouse Lane. The Police are also targeting speeding drivers along the Causeway and will be carrying out speed surveys.

Photo courtesy of Tanya Dedyukhina

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Signage

Canal & River Trust has installed some temporary signage around the reservoir to remind visitors that cycling, and swimming is not permitted. New reservoir safety signage is being installed to increase public awareness of the reservoir.

Cycling

To prevent cyclists accessing the reservoir a new gate has been installed at the entrance to Windmill Pool at Gypsy Lane.

Fishing

Canal & River Trust fisheries manager along with Warwickshire Police have visited the reservoir during the evening to remove anyone seen night fishing. Anyone fishing during the early evening is reminded that that night fishing is not permitted.

Water levels

The water levels at Engine Pool are lower than normal. This is mainly due to the fact we've had very limited rainfall these last few months, so water levels are lower than they normally are at this point in the year.

Photo courtesy of David Stowell

We have also kept the water levels low to enable Canal & River Trust engineers to carry out their annual inspection of the reservoir. This has now taken place and we are now slowly starting to release more water into the Pool.

Anyone visiting the reservoir is asked to follow the governments advice on social distancing. Please move aside to allow others to pass safely, using the full width of the path.

A big thank you to the Earlswood Lakes residents

We would like to extend our thanks to local people who have been helping us look after the reservoir with a special mention to those who have been helping with the litter picks and rubbish removal. Your help is very much appreciated.

The area is an attractive destination enjoyed by many and we are closely monitoring the situation at the reservoir. The Canal & River Trust is working closely with Warwickshire Police and Warwickshire County Council and is visiting the reservoir several times a week and reporting back with any new issues that need addressing.

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

To report crime, anti-social behaviour, dangerous parking and speeding drivers please call **Warwickshire 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

! Blue Green algae

Blue Green Algae has been reported at the reservoir so please ensure you keep yourself and your pets out of the water. **The algae can prove fatal to pets if ingested.**