

Wetwang Village Pond

Enhance Restore Manage

What we are doing with the village pond.

As ongoing management of Wetwang Pond, The Parish Council has secured a grant to enable us to continue with our Pond Management Plan (started in 2017). This grant will enable us to move forward to ensure we can enhance, restore, and manage the pond for the benefit of

- **Environmental impacts**

Silt removal becomes necessary when there's an accumulation of silt, leaves and other materials. Aquatic life, flora and fauna is depleted when the build up of silt and debris is present.

- **Flooding and drying out**

Water levels fluctuate during the change in seasonal weather and more recently has contributed to a complete drying out and loss of plant and wildlife.

- **Obstructions**

Obstructions in the pond such as litter and non-vegetative debris need to be removed. The last time we did this in 2018 we lifted a whole skips' worth of non-vegetative debris from the pond.

- **Cosmetic Appeal**

Historically there has been a pond in Wetwang for over 100's of years.

Our pond is a great asset for the village. Our duck feeding station provides pleasure to visitors and especially children, who like to feed the ducks and moor hens, and the benches around the pond allow folk to sit, picnic, eat Fish and Chips, whilst admiring the views. The plants we put in at the last clean up are now established and doing well and the reed management has ensured a healthy regrowth.

Aquatic Solutions, a company who are experts in waterways management will be installing *Nicospan* which is a double weave fabric renowned for its durability and affordability. Placed across a corner of the pond it will allow for constructing a new edge to the pond where plants can be placed. All the silt and leaf matter will be placed behind the *Nicospan* to ensure bank protection and erosion control.

Image (*ref: Aquatic Solutions 2024*) shows how the barrier(*Nicospan*) is placed and the subsequent bank enhancement.



Once the barrier is in place the water from the moved silt will run back into the pond waters, the silt will eventually dry out and the bank will be planted with suitable vegetation.

Should you wish to receive further information please contact the Parish Clerk who will direct any enquiries to me as lead consultant.

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