

CONTACT

If you would like to be involved in any way with the development of Balderton Lakeside, please get in touch.



THANKS

Balderton Parish Council wishes to thank the following groups for their support in the Lakeside venture :

- Notts County Council
- Newark and Sherwood District Council
- Newark Friends of the Earth
- Newark Sub Aqua Club
- Local Schools
- Grove Angling Club
- Notts Urban Wildlife Scheme

My apologies for any I have omitted.

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I am interested in being involved in the Lakeside venture.

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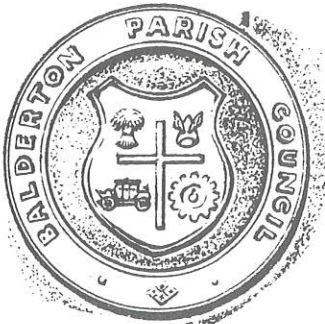
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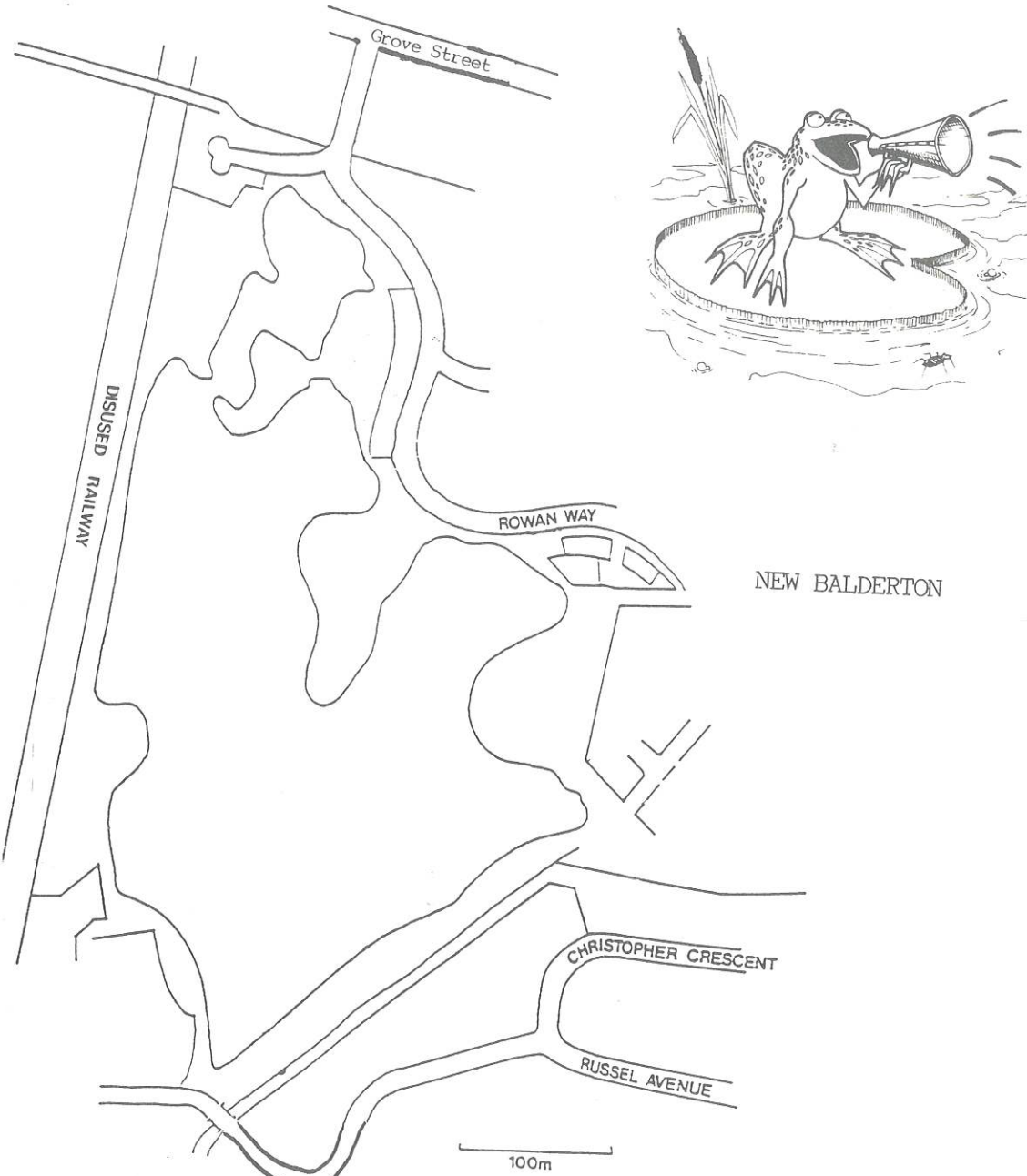
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BALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL



PARISH COUNCIL BUYS



BALDERTON LAKE

FOR EVERYONE

Balderton Parish Council has bought Balderton Lake to keep it as an amenity for local people to enjoy.

This Newsletter is to let you know what we have done, why we have done it and what we hope to do in the future.

We want the Lake to be an amenity for EVERYONE so that is why we are inviting YOU to play a part too.

LAKESIDE STORY

In August, Barratts announced they were going to sell their remaining land on the Lakeside Park Development. This, of course, included the Lake itself. The Parish Council were given one week to submit a bid and, in the face of competition, were successful.

Those residents who saw the original plans for this Development will remember seeing the Lakeside area complete with Play Facilities, a Picnic Area and other Environmental Improvements.

None of these improvements ever happened.

The promise of support from Newark and Sherwood District Council gave us the encouragement to make this important investment.

The Lake is a remnant of gravel workings. Sand and gravel extraction had ceased by 1969 and most of the area was developed for housing.

The Lake is important for wildlife and is one of the largest local wetland areas.

Nottingham Urban Wildlife Scheme did a survey of the plant and animal life in the Lakeside Area.

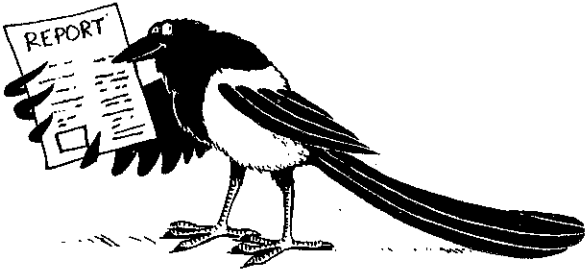
SURVEY

They found 13 vegetation communities including grassland, woodland and wetland. There were 134 plant species, including the rare Southern Marsh Orchid.

There were 33 species of bird, including Great Crested Grebes and the Reed Bunting.

The Urban Wildlife Scheme state that there is much potential to enhance Balderton Lake as a valuable site for wild life conservation.

A copy of the report produced by the Urban Wildlife Scheme is available from the Parish Council.



FISH

The Lake has been stocked with fish and "looked after" by members of Grove Angling Club. The Grove Angling Club have been given fishing rights up to the end of the current angling year which ends in March '92.

SAFETY

We emphasise that the Lake is unsafe for swimming.

We will be taking every reasonable step to ensure the Lake is as safe as possible. If you have any suggestions to improve matters we will take them VERY seriously.

We do ask that you assist us by making sure your children understand water safety.

OVER TO YOU

The Lakeside Area forms a good "venue" for a range of Community Activities.

Here are a few suggestions with which you may wish to get involved :

- Wildlife Study
- Environmental Activities
- Community Picnic
- Open Air Church service

Perhaps you have your own ideas for a "Lakeside Users Group". If so, now is the time to get involved and help us set one up.

TAKE THE LEAD

We would particularly like to hear from dog owners.

We are interested to hear how you wish to meet your responsibilities for clearing up potentially dangerous dog waste.

Balderton Lake is for the whole community. If dogs are allowed to foul indiscriminately on Lakeside then many parents will feel they cannot allow their children into the area for fear of them contracting Toxocariasis from dog faeces. Toxocariasis can cause blindness, or worse.

We are not anti dog, that is why we are giving responsible dog owners (the majority) a chance to put forward a way that dogs can be exercised without jeopardising health and hygiene.

COMMITTEE

The Parish Council has set up a special Lakeside Committee :

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