



## CASTLEFIELDS LAKE SET TO REOPEN

Since its closure in March, the club has been working hard to ensure Castlefields Lake is at its magnificent best for our members on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Of course, the new grid system to stabilise the parking area is now in place - something that will make a huge difference in the wetter months. This was made possible through the Fisheries Improvement Programme, which is funded by rod licence fees.

Sadly, the large willow tree by the lake has had to be removed on health and safety grounds after the trunk was found to be hollowed out with rainwater.

As with last season, the gate code\* is only available to Blue Badge holders and those members with severe mobility issues. The Clubmate App shows bailiffs exactly who is eligible to park. Any anglers found flouting club rules, including parking outside Castle Gardens pumping station, will face losing their membership.



A PICTURESQUE STILLWATER



THE NEW PARKING AREA



TREAT THE AFFECTED AREA

## FISH WELFARE

Fish welfare should be an absolute priority for all anglers. Please treat fish with the utmost care by using barbless hooks and a suitable unhooking mat. If you see an injured fish, use an antiseptic spray on the affected area. Remember too, you are only permitted to fish with one rod on Dorking waters.

## SPECIAL THANKS

The committee would like to thank Dorking member Gerry Bennett for making a new gate for the fishery. Gerry was also responsible for building the noticeboard on the lake.

Finally, a huge shout-out to Steve and Kathy Stent for their tireless work in keeping the lake and river surroundings looking pristine. Let's play our part by taking all litter home.

*\* The gate code will be issued to those who qualify just before May 1<sup>st</sup>.*



NEW GATE ON THE FISHERY