

SHAMLEY GREEN PONDS - POND WORK SPECIFICATION FOR 2020

All waste material to be removed from site. Hygiene procedures to be followed to avoid transfer of pond weed from the Duck Pond. October preferred for in pond work.

DUCK POND

1. A sympathetic light prune of recent growth on the two weeping willow trees. This will be required in future every 3 or 4 years.
2. Cut all foliage on the island either removing stumps or to re-grow as coppice.
3. Remove weed from the pond, including duckweed and *Crassula h.* by raking and storing on the island to dry out and decay. Rake to minimise damage to other aquatic plants and wildlife in the pond (newts and other larvae).
4. Cut all other willows to re-grow as coppice.
5. Trim brambles with a hedge trimmer to reduce to about 3 feet high, reduce width and remove any overhang into the water. This provides a habitat safe for some wildlife and a barrier to minimise dogs entering the pond.
6. Other vegetation to be trimmed in October.
7. Check water inflow and the outflow dam operating correctly

Regard below as a separate task unconnected with the above.

8. If the metal RSJ uprights are sound on the Woodhill Lane edge of the pond, remove and replace the decayed horizontal timbers with appropriate timber.

BRICKLAYERS POND

*** Work on the boundary with Dibdene depends on that boundary being defined and agreed. The Parish Council lodged a claim for ownership of the unclaimed land with the Land Registry some years ago. That application must detail the boundary.*

1. Reduce alder stems in the two groups to a single stem in each.
2. Improve and stabilize the path by Pond Cottage to enable maintenance of their hedge, and provide access to the pond outflow.
3. Remove sycamore. **
4. Cut willow to re-grow as coppice. **

5. Remove all reedmace except for a band around the side of the pond near the road. This will be progressively be replaced by flag iris and ultimately, if retained, limited to a small area by annual pruning.
6. Remove the wood chip on the road side of the pond and associated vegetation.
7. Remove bamboo and dig a boundary ditch to prevent new incursion. **
8. Check and clear pond outflow and inflow.

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