

IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN

DOING THE WORK

Volunteers

As much work as possible is to be done by volunteers. In autumn 2010 great progress was made in removing trees and scrub from the Pond bed, by volunteer work parties

Contractors

Some major tasks such as removing large trees and excavating the silt will be undertaken by contractors

FUNDING

The main sources of funding will be:

- the landowners: James Duke Holdings Ltd
& Winchester City Council
- grants
- donations: especially local organisations
& individuals
- sponsorship: Portsmouth Water Co.,
BWPC & local businesses

TIMESCALE

The timing of some of the main tasks is dependent on obtaining the necessary consents and grants. It is expected that most will be implemented by the end of 2012

NORTH POND CONSERVATION GROUP

The North Pond Conservation Group has been set up with the overall aim of achieving the long term restoration and conservation of the Pond

The Group is composed of representatives of the local community, the landowners, Parish Council (BWPC), Parish Fishing Club and Hampshire Wildlife Trust. There is a regular liaison with Portsmouth Water Company and the Environment Agency

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Your support and help in achieving the aims of the Group would be greatly appreciated

You can get involved by:

- Joining the North Pond Conservation Group (membership is free)
- Becoming a volunteer - help is needed in a variety of ways, ranging from desk-based admin to practical work on site
- Making a donation

CONTACTS

In order to get involved, offer help, obtain further information or keep in touch with progress, please:

- Visit the Group's website
www.bwnpcg.org.uk
- Contact the Group's Chairman, Alan Inder,
on 01489 894051 or by email to:
inders@tiscali.co.uk

THE NORTH POND BISHOPS WALTHAM



RESTORATION PLAN



North Pond aerial view courtesy of RAF Odiham

KEY FEATURES OF THE NORTH POND

History

In the 12th century the Bishop of Winchester created the Great Pond to provide fresh fish for Bishops Waltham Palace. In the late 1960s a road was built across the pond dividing it in two, the North Pond forming the major part

Nature conservation

The pond has been designated as a SINC (Site of Importance for Nature Conservation) for its wetland flora & fauna. It is particularly important for its willow carr habitat and water birds such as coots, moorhens and mallards

Amenity

The pond is a popular local amenity, especially appreciated by the people who use the bridge

NEED FOR ACTION

Since the new road was built, the North Pond has been neglected. Trees have encroached over the pond bed, which has become very overgrown. The pond is highly valued by the local community and its restoration was flagged as the No.1 priority for environmental action in the Market Town Healthcheck

THE PLAN

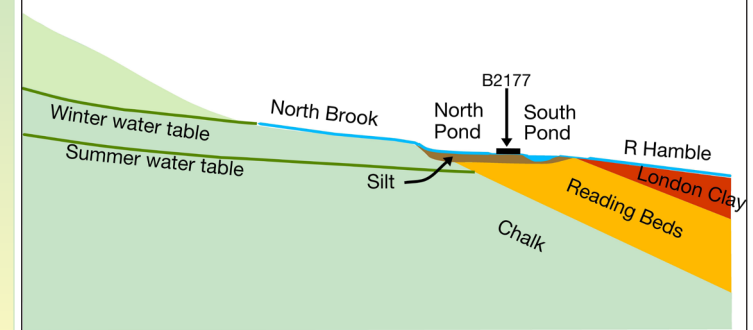
The Restoration Plan has 5 main elements:

- Reduce tree cover in the central area
- Reinforce the wooded fringe with native trees and shrubs
- Remove silt from an area near the sluice to retain water longer for wildlife & fish rescue
- Provide two viewing areas
- Provide information panels

Seasonal Nature

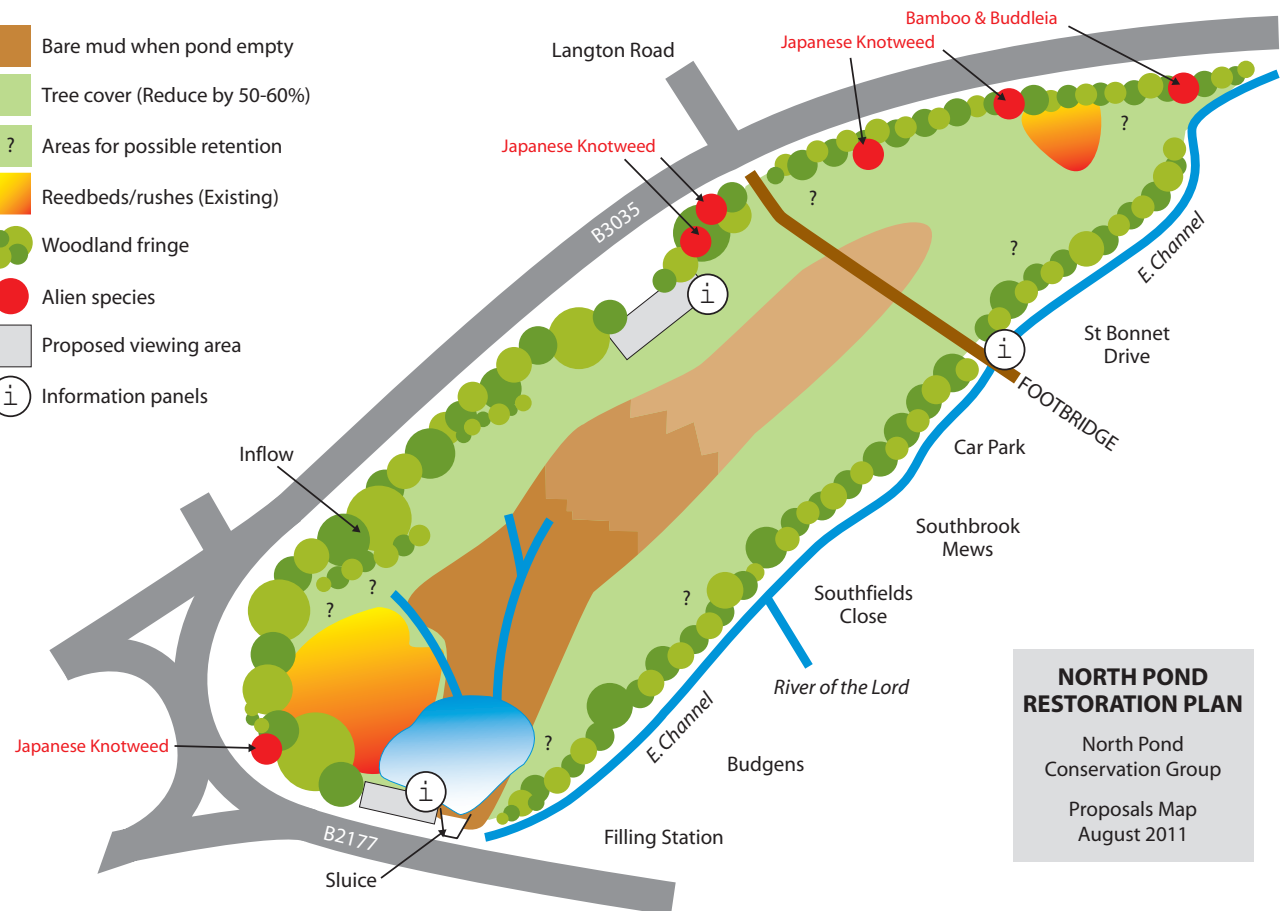
The Pond does not retain water all year round, due primarily to the permeable bed and seasonal fluctuations in groundwater levels. Its water levels are also influenced by abstraction of water at Northbrook which accelerates the natural fall in water levels and delays subsequent refilling. The plan to remove some silt near the sluice should help to retain water for longer after the main pond dries up.

Winter & Summer Water Table



KEY

- Bare mud when pond empty
- Tree cover (Reduce by 50-60%)
- Areas for possible retention
- Reedbeds/rushes (Existing)
- Woodland fringe
- Alien species
- Proposed viewing area
- Information panels



NORTH POND RESTORATION PLAN

North Pond
Conservation Group
Proposals Map
August 2011