FALKLANDS LAKE REOPENING SOON

A new chapter for the fishery

CAR PARK END REOPENS MONDAY 26 OCTOBER

Dear Members,

The wait is almost over! We are thrilled to share that the extensive improvement works at Falklands Lake are nearing completion. The car park end will officially open on Monday 26th October.

We also have some fantastic news: water is now flowing into the lake right now! As soon as water levels rise sufficiently and the newly repaired banks have properly settled, we will be fully open to all members.

Until then, there will be no matches on either Sundays or Tuesdays as keep nets cannot be used.



Water is being pumped back into Falklands Lake.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

What began as simple bank repairs grew into a major structural transformation. Over 24 days of contractor work — averaging at least three people a day, plus weekends — the team has transformed the fishery.

THE PROJECT IN NUMBERS

1,000 tonnes	of clay to repair and reinforce the banks
40 lorries	transporting essential materials onto site
60 tonnes	of Type 1 aggregate for pathway sub-bases
150 tonnes	of car park scalpings across more than seven loads
30 kg	of grass seed to restore the landscape
Around 300	iris plants along the margins for shoreline protection and wildlife habitat

THE TRANSFORMATION IN PICTURES



Strengthening the banks and rebuilding the paths.



A newly surfaced car park to improve access.

A HUGE THANK YOU

First, to all our members: thank you for your patience and support throughout these extensive works.

A very special thank you goes to Brian, who has been on-site throughout the entire project, voluntarily managing the works day in and day out. Our thanks also go to Scott's Hire Hockley, especially Dave and Matt for their bank work; to the Environment Agency for the grant, secured through Phil Rayner's hard work; and to Chris Roberts, Alan King and everyone else who has helped bring the project towards completion. The whole Club owes you a huge debt of gratitude.

IMPORTANT OPENING NOTICE & TEMPORARY RULES

As the car park end partially reopens on Monday 26th October, please observe these temporary rules to allow the new areas to settle and to protect the fish:

- **No keepnets until further notice.**
- **All fish must be landed and returned using a landing net — not dropped back in the water.**
- **The top lake end remains completely out of bounds for Safety Reasons.**
- **No fishing along the new causeway at Pegs 1 and 2, or the new bank at Pegs 20, 21 and 22.**

Thank you for your cooperation as we enter this exciting new chapter for Falklands. See you on the bank soon!

PLEASE FOLLOW ALL TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Tight lines,

Dave Staniland, Chairman
& The Committee

Rochford Angling Club