

## Barton under Needwood Parish Council

### Fishpond Update – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024



Following unexplained deaths of some fish over the last fortnight members of Barton Parish Council Fishpond Committee met on site with our local Environment Agency Fisheries Officers and an Officer from the Fisheries Health Inspectorate to look at the fishpond and take samples of fish.

EA Officers netted the pond and samples of Carp, Bream and Perch were taken to EA and FHI laboratories for testing in case any of the fish have any notifiable diseases.

The Fisheries Officers did not see any obvious signs in examining the fish on site but the precautionary principle applies and until we get the results of those tests back the Fishpond will remain closed.

We will keep people informed as we get more information.

**In the meantime, we would emphasise again how important it is that NO-ONE introduces any 'pet' fish into our pond as this is a possible pathway for disease to get into the pond.**

Please respect the amazing facility that we have here in Barton and help us keep it disease free so that the fishing can be enjoyed for many years to come.

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