

Swans and other birds on the lake: bad and good news.

Bad news:

Sadly the 7 cygnets, born this year, have died. They became ill, possibly due to Avian Botulism, which may be affecting birds on lakes in some Liverpool parks. This is caused by Botulinum Toxin from maggots/larvae and connected with low water levels in lakes. The cygnets eat maggots and die. It is said to be harmless to humans and other wildlife. The RSPCA rescued the adult swans. Sadly, the female swan had an injured leg and had to be put down, but the male may survive. Results from post mortems on swans are awaited.

Good news:

Work commissioned by the Council to repair the lake, increase drainage into it, and stop leakage should be starting soon. FOPP understands that final surveys are being completed. We understand that the funding allocated is 100% secure. This being so we hope that by next spring the lake will be in a much better condition and will be a safer and more welcoming place for birds and other wildlife.

What you can do to help:

- ***Please don't feed the lake birds with bread. Maggots love this and by feeding birds bread you are likely to harm them. Please use birdseed.***
- ***Please don't throw rubbish of any kind into the lake. It is all harmful to wildlife.***
- ***Please take all your fishing gear home with you.***

Thank you

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