



Request

Could you please give me any details as to any help or plans are currently in place to save firs park pond after seeing the sorry state yesterday and speaking to people from the angling trust, I was told water levels are down by over 40% and at a dangerously low level where they are going to lose everything even so very large fish and also the update on when the £92000 promised would be spent on the pay area

Over the past 3 years this Park has been on the decline due to mismanagement from wigan council we as residents was told 2 years ago that over £92000 would be spent on the park which has never materialised the only change is the odd bits of new tarmac which has cost nothing close to the original amount us as residents was told.

Also when will the pond be sorted this has been in place for over 100 years and due to wigan councils neglect it is getting very close to getting to the stage where it is beyond help/repair. There was fish jumping yesterday just to get oxygen as its becoming increasingly close to a oxygen crash

Response

The weather across summer 2025 has seen unprecedented high temperatures with 4 recorded heat waves, this has led to a reduction in rainfall and corresponding reduced water levels.

Both the angling club and Council have contacted the Environment Agency for help and advice during the periods of hot and dry weather, unfortunately the EA cannot provide support with the water levels. The EA have advised If there are any signs of fish in distress or dead fish, this should be reported immediately to their 24/7 incident hotline on 0800 80 70 60. their Fisheries Duty Officer will then assess the situation and determine the appropriate course of action.

The footpath improvement works carried out earlier this year were focused on specific areas within the park that were identified as being in the greatest need of repair. These sections posed a potential health and safety risk due to uneven surfaces and the likelihood of trips and falls.

Please note that the scope of the project did not include a full resurfacing of the entire park, but rather targeted interventions to address the most critical issues. The works commenced early in the year and have since been completed.

Improvements to the play area are currently out to tender with the closing date at the end of October 2025, and following tender evaluation, contractor appointment and mobilisation etc, the works are expected to start in early spring 2026.