

# Coppice Lake reed planting

Because of increasing bank erosion around Coppice Lake it was decided to plant reeds along the Lake edge to protect the areas of bank most affected.

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September a delivery of reeds arrived from a supplier near Norwich.



The reed plants are set in a 'sausage' shaped tube of coconut matting measuring 3 metres length and about 0.3 metres diameter all held together by netting mesh. We ordered 30 of these.

The Fisheries Team then proceeded to plant the reeds along the dam bank from the corner of the lake by the car park to about halfway along the dam bank.



The reed rolls were laid end to end in the water along the bank and held in against the bank with wooden stakes hammered into the lake bed.



The reed plants will grow in the water, their roots growing through the netting mesh into the lake bed the secure them in place. This should not take long at this time of year as the water temperature is high.

At the end of the installation the options were;

1. To leave the posts in place as per the picture so they can be easily removed when the reeds have grown into the lake bed.
2. Trim the wooden stakes down to the level of the reed rolls and leave them in place.

We decided on option 1 and will be returning in a few weeks time to pull out the wooden stakes.

We are aware that if you want to fish from this part of the lake bank you will need to fish around the posts, please bear with us we will remove them as soon as possible.

You may notice that we have put the reed rolls in place across the base of the platforms. This was necessary to prevent bank erosion under the platforms. We will keep the reeds trimmed in these areas.