

Friends of Horsehay Pool and Environs

Report for DHPC Annual Parish Meeting April 2026

A very busy but productive year for FOHPE.

We are pleased to report that the following schemes were completed and would like to thank all of our Funders; without their support none of this could have happened.

- Reed Planting on Floating Reeds Beds installed in April 2025 with funding from TWC and FOHPE Pocket Park remaining funding.
- Gateway Scheme, area opposite to the Codfather, cleared and planted with shrubs, bulbs and marginal plants. Funding provided by Veolia, Pride Grants, DHPC and FOHPE monies.
- Hawthorn Tree at the Northern edge of Horsehay Pool purchased and planted by FOHPE to replace previous damaged tree.
- Fishing pegs replaced by TWC and TAA, now much tidier and more attractive, long lasting and safer.
- 3600 Bluebells planted by FOHPE volunteers with a Veolia Environmental Grant. Scheme to create an English Bluebell Glade nominated for BBC Make a Difference Environmental award.
- Further 3000 snowdrops planted by FOHPE volunteers with a grant from Fujitsu, TGSP and TWC together with funds from FOHPE on upper inlet into Horsehay Pool.
- Reeds donated from TWC planted by FOHPE volunteers at Northern end of Horsehay Pool with money from DHPC to pay for Posts and fencing to protect young plants.
- Dredging of water channels around island on Horsehay Pool undertaken with funds provided by DHPC.
- Two Tawny Owl Boxes, 2 Bat boxes and 2 song bird boxes installed at Simpsons Pool and a further 2 song bird boxes and 3 wicker duck nest boxes installed on Horsehay Pool Island. Monies provided from TWC Pride Grants, DHPC funding with top up from FOHPE funds.
- A very wet but successful Scarecrow Festival, well visited last September. Sponsorship from DHPC.