

## **Tarn Working Plan 2022/23**

The objective of the Tarn working plan is to identify, and where possible prioritise, the maintenance and development tasks that need to happen to maintain the balance of nature and recreation.

The Tarn, The Landing, The Hagg and The Croft are the only remaining public areas and it is important that they remain accessible to all.

Covid and lack of volunteer time have meant that some neglect has happened over the past 2-3 years and this needs to be corrected.

Revenues from fishing and boat licences were steady during the covid period, but that needs to be continually and proactively managed.

### **The Croft**

A lifebelt will be installed May 2022.

- This will need to be checked twice weekly by the PC or representatives. A working rota for this will be put in place.

The area around the fishing peg is becoming overgrown and needs to be managed to allow safe access. Historically this was an area of low reed growth which allowed for a better amenity view and access for boats and fishing. The reed beds are now over developed causing silt and weed

- Reeds should be sprayed by an external contractor (in accordance with EA guidelines) to stop the reed bed expanding too far in this area. This should be done during June each year ongoing.

There is a large willow tree at the fishing peg which is showing signs of rot

- Tree should be inspected and removed if required

### **The Landing**

The grass area is maintained, and the knotweed has been eradicated. However, the unmanaged growth of saplings and large shrubs is affecting the amenity view of the area and decreasing access.

- A full review of the Landing area needs to be completed with a view to improving these issues.

The fishing pegs are very overgrown.

- It is proposed that this area is sprayed by an external contractor (in accordance with EA guidelines) to stop the reed bed expanding too far in this area. This should be done during June each year ongoing.

The Fishing Peg is still in accessible 5 months a year. This has not been resolved and the plan to place a catwalk here did not happen

- Quote to be gained from Parish steward to look at feasibility of building this before the Autumn.2022

### **The Hagg (both sides of the road)**

The overgrowth on the Hagg is not acceptable. The PC were unable to get this area cut before the nesting deadline

- The Hagg to be schedule for cutting by the Parish Steward as soon as rules permit (September) In the interim the larger saplings, shrubs should be removed. To avoid this level of overgrowth again it should be scheduled to be cut twice yearly, in April and September.

### **The Beck**

The EA still maintain the Beck by clearing undergrowth twice a year. A contributing factor is the widening, and undergrowth in the beck mouth. This is causing high water levels and silt. This affects public access across footpaths and private gardens.

Some maintenance work has been done during May 2022 by members of the public and landowners to clear the beck entry, but this needs to be maintained. There is a tentative proposal to narrow the beck mouth using natural materials, but this needs to be approved by the EA. Until this can be achieved this needs to be managed

- It is proposed that this area is sprayed by an external contractor (in accordance with EA guidelines) to stop the reed bed expanding too far in this area. This should be done during June each year ongoing.

### **General**

- New signage is required at the Landing for information relating to Tarn use, safety, rubbish and parking.

