

Boultham Park Lake Restoration Project



The second phase of the Boultham Park Restoration Project has been funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund and the City of Lincoln Council. This £1.17 million project is the latest development in a larger scheme which focuses on improving biodiversity and restoring the historic lake by improving water quality and lake edges in a way that ensures sustainable management.

Water aeration equipment will be installed to stop the build-up of silt and reduce existing silt over a period of time. Improvements will also include bank restoration work, lake edge and woodland understorey planting, tree removals and replanting, footpath improvements and provision of fishing pegs.

This phase is heavily focused on biodiversity and, with direction and guidance from Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, work will encourage healthy plant and animal life to flourish in and around the lake. There will be a public art trail which will encourage people to explore the lake area with detailed information on wildlife and how people can help encourage and protect biodiversity. A programme of activities will be delivered with the emphasis on biodiversity, wellbeing, community events and restoring lost activities. These activities will be aimed at encouraging a wider range of people to get involved and learn more about the lake and its natural and social heritage.

Tammy Smalley, Head of Conservation at Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust said, "The Trust is excited to be part of the delivery team for this project in the urban setting of the majestic city of Lincoln. "The chance to deliver nature's recovery with people engaged in that process is a real boon. People need wildlife for lots of beneficial reasons, and at Boultham Park, people will own that recovery including planting out native Lincolnshire wildflowers, learning techniques in how to manage that habitat going forward and getting appreciate the rainbow of colours and myriad of life that will come".



The project will focus on biodiversity and will include:

- Installing aeration equipment (to increase and stabilize the amount of dissolved oxygen in the lake) which will stop silt building up and slowly, over time, reduce the amount of silt currently in the lake, altogether improving lake water quality
- Restoring and improving lake edges
- Lake margin, island and woodland understorey planting
- Bird and bat boxes
- Improving the surface around the Beacon
- Introducing more seating
- Create a viewing platform, and fishing pegs
- Improved footpaths
- Tree works (which have already taken place), due to tree condition or where trees were damaging the lake banks for example
- Access for occasional boating (on high days and holidays)
- Public art with interpretations, for example information about the wildlife, habitat, history of the lake and how to get involved



We are very grateful to the NLHF, and the National Lottery players, for funding the project development work and for contributing almost £660,000 towards restoring our wonderful lake, and for all that they have enabled to happen in the park so far #ThanksToYou.

We are also indebted to Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust is our partner on this project, and for the expert advice and support they are providing. We are also grateful, as always, for the support of the Boultham Park Advisory Group whose enthusiasm for the park and the lake help to drive us forward, and to our wonderful volunteers.

