

The Linton Angling Society

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Netting of Linton Park Lake

Monday 6th September 2010.

Further to last years Environmental Agency report & this year's subsequent survey & testing of fish, as per their advice a netting of Linton Park Lake took place on Monday 6th September. We had obtained a licence to remove small Roach, Perch & Skimmer Bream, Chris, Don, Warren & self met the lads & lasses of the EA, our friends at Maidstone Victory (who kindly agreed to transport the fish for us) & Nicholls Leisure who were taking the remaining small fish.



Myles Robinson of the EA controlling the retrieve of the net (notice that his auto life jacket worked well when he slipped in the silt, he said that on average it was only about a foot deep, a lot less that we'd expected.)



Getting closer on the first pull, (Note that Myles had changed his life vest!)



Everyone lends a hand to retrieve the net, Note: the writer stands & watches whilst Chris is up front giving the orders, Don's got stuck in there as well & Warren snapping away in the background as official photographer!



One of the many net-full's of small fish being transferred to the containers for sorting.



Many hands make light work, sorting out the Roach, Perch & Skimmers.



Small Perch being sorted to go to Stallance Reservoir hopefully to grow on to be 4 lb's like at some of our other waters.



All tanked up & ready to go to their new home.

Over 1000 small Perch & 100 small Skimmer Bream were transferred into our large reservoir at Stallance. We needed some sort of predator fish to control the abundance of fry & stickleback population in there this season.

The remaining 4500 small Roach we given to Derek of Nicholls Leisure to help restock his water down near Hythe, he had a devastating fish loss there earlier in the year where he lost 90% of his fish (apparently due to a lack of oxygen in the water & with thunderstorm conditions to finish it off!) The EA asked if we would help them out by donating some small silver fish if they carried out the netting of the lake for nothing, naturally we agreed. The EA are very strict on what is removed form waters these days, even to the point of returning any Roach that were oversize! We were not allowed to transfer the fish into our rivers.

Our thanks go to the EA. Ben Lloyd & Myles Robinson plus the team & John of Maidstone Victory for all their help.

We will be planning another netting of LPL & a survey/netting of Manor Farm Res. in the very near future.

We are now looking at the lilies, reed & silt problem at LPL with a plan to rectify this.

For our future prime waters to continue to grow & produce good fish & fishing we do need to manage our waters. That is what we're doing.

Regards

Tony Spall
Chairman - Linton Angling Society

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