

EMSWORTH MILL POND GROUP
Report on Inaugural Meeting on 04-08-05

21 Residents attended out of 35 who have volunteered to help. These included Cllr. Brendan Gibb-Grey who will liaise with Havant Borough Council concerning provision of tools and collection of rubbish.

Also present was Frances Sweeney, the local reporter for Portsmouth News, Chichester Observer and Ems Valley Gazette.

It was decided that the group will operate under the banner of the Emsworth Residents Association who already have Public Liability Insurance and who may be able to provide some finance if required.

Areas of the pond requiring most attention were identified as: - A259 Bridge, Public Slipway opposite No.26 Bridgefoot Path, North side of Malthouse opposite No.44 Bridgefoot Path. Slipper Sailing Club Slipway and under the iron bridge adjacent to E.S.S.C., around the promenade, under E.S.S.C. Starting Hut and S.W. corner adjacent to 56, Bath Road. Mr Clode will continue to clear the area around his property, Tenerife Cottage, Bath Rd. It was decided that the cleaning should be carried out fortnightly between April, and October inclusive and monthly during the winter months.

Hopefully there are enough volunteers to divide into 2 working parties so nobody should need to do more than 1 duty a month in summer and a bi-monthly duty in winter.

The first clean to be before the Food Festival - September 9th - 11th. A rota will be produced and circulated shortly.

David Linington has volunteered to set up a Web Site for the Mill Pond Group which is much appreciated.

A further meeting has been proposed for Thursday 6th October to see if any changes to the cleaning routine are required.

Finally, the Commodore and Officers of E.S.S.C. were thanked for their valued hospitality.