

# Poole Park Life Stage 2 HLF Bid Consultation



## Landscape Character Area: Freshwater Lakes

This character area contains the busy areas associated with the Ark Cafe, Cygnet Play area and Miniature Railway and the more quiet parts with secluded, intimate spaces among dense vegetation that surrounds two freshwater lakes.

Our proposed improvements include enhancing the the visitor experience unique to this part of Poole Park, whilst maintaining the soft natural character and restoring lost views.

### Conservation Management Plan Policies:

**CA:FW 1** Maintain and enhance opportunities for informal recreation in the Freshwater Lakes area with a focus on play, contact with nature and education.

**CA:FW 2** Retain and enhance the soft natural and smaller scale character of the Freshwater Lakes Area in contrast to the openness of the Boating Lake landscape. Improve landscape quality by strengthening vegetation screening the eastern Park boundary, improving the quality of small buildings and enclosures and removing intrusive furniture.

**CA:FW 3** Restore the historic open character of the lakes by managing the tree canopy and restoring lost views to the Cricket Pavilion.

**CA:FW 4** Improve water quality of the lakes and vegetation structure to enhance landscape quality and biodiversity.

**CA:FW 5** Enhance public enjoyment by providing improved access to the water's edge, improved drainage to footpaths, provision of seating and by controlling number of waterfowl.

Proposals are illustrated here with reference to the above policies.



Postcard dated 1927- View across smaller Freshwater Lake to Cricket Pavilion (Source: Paul Hillmann Collection)



Postcard dated 1909 - View showing rustic bridge over larger Freshwater Lake which was destroyed in WWII (Source: Paul Hillmann Collection)

# The Freshwater Lakes