



# Lisvane and Llanishen Reservoirs

## Update Newsletter



November 2017

### Hello.....

It's been a busy time since our update in the summer on our work at Lisvane and Llanishen reservoirs. Some of you may well have noticed a lot more activity on site as our work to bring the reservoirs back into operational use has gathered pace.

In this newsletter you will find out a bit more about the work that has been taking place and what is planned for the next few months. We hope you find the information useful.

### Draining Llanishen reservoir

As you may recall from our last newsletter, after much consideration, we took the decision to drain Llanishen reservoir down. The drain down is progressing well, although it has taken a little longer than planned and should be completed by Christmas.

During the course of the drain down, we've found even more vegetation under the surface of the water and we'll be clearing this in the coming month or so.



We'll also begin repairs to the reservoir embankment stone pitching and be investigating the condition of pipes below the reservoirs using CCTV surveys. This will help us to understand what structural repairs are needed.



### Perimeter Fence

Earlier this year we secured planning permission to reinstate the perimeter fence which used to go around the site.

We've now completed the placement of the fence to the west and south to ensure the site is safe and secure.

*A recent view of Llanishen reservoir, November 2017*





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### Ecological work

Some of the area around the reservoirs are designated as Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) and include flora, fauna, nesting birds and interesting fungi.

We're working closely with Natural Resources Wales and ecological specialists to ensure we protect the site's valuable wildlife while we work.



Pink waxcap fungi (August 2017)

### Black Oak Road temporary footpath closure

We've been carrying out work to refurbish an underground chamber behind Black Oak Road. While we're working, we've temporarily closed the stretch of footpath running behind Rhyd-y-Blewyn Farm and 117 Black Oak Road.

Unfortunately, we've found it's in a worse state of repair than we expected, so it's taking longer than planned. We now plan to reopen the footpath by Christmas.



Footpath behind Black Oak Road (October 2017)

A temporary alternative route along Black Oak Road will be in place while we work and will be signposted locally.

We're sorry for the ongoing inconvenience and would like to thank you for bearing with us while we carry out this important work.

### Antisocial behaviour

Unfortunately, we have seen some antisocial behaviour over the past few months around the site which has involved vandalism to the fencing.

While we realise the extended closure of the site may be frustrating for people used to visiting the site, it is essential that the site remains closed to ensure public safety while we are working.

If anyone notices anything we would ask they report it to the local police by calling 101.

### Want to know more?

While we haven't agreed what facilities will be offered at the site in the future, we would be keen to hear from the local community about any ideas they may have.

We will write again soon with a further update on our work. In the meantime, if you have any queries or concerns about our work or ideas for new facilities, please get in touch with Ffion or Gwyn on 01443 452452 or [lisvaneandllanishen@dwrcymru.com](mailto:lisvaneandllanishen@dwrcymru.com).

We'll also be at the Llanishen Community Hub opening and Christmas lights switch-on on 29<sup>th</sup> November. Please pop over and say hello to our team.

