

**PHOTO SHOWCASE**

**POOLE PARK  
WALK**

**SUN 17<sup>th</sup> FEB 2019**

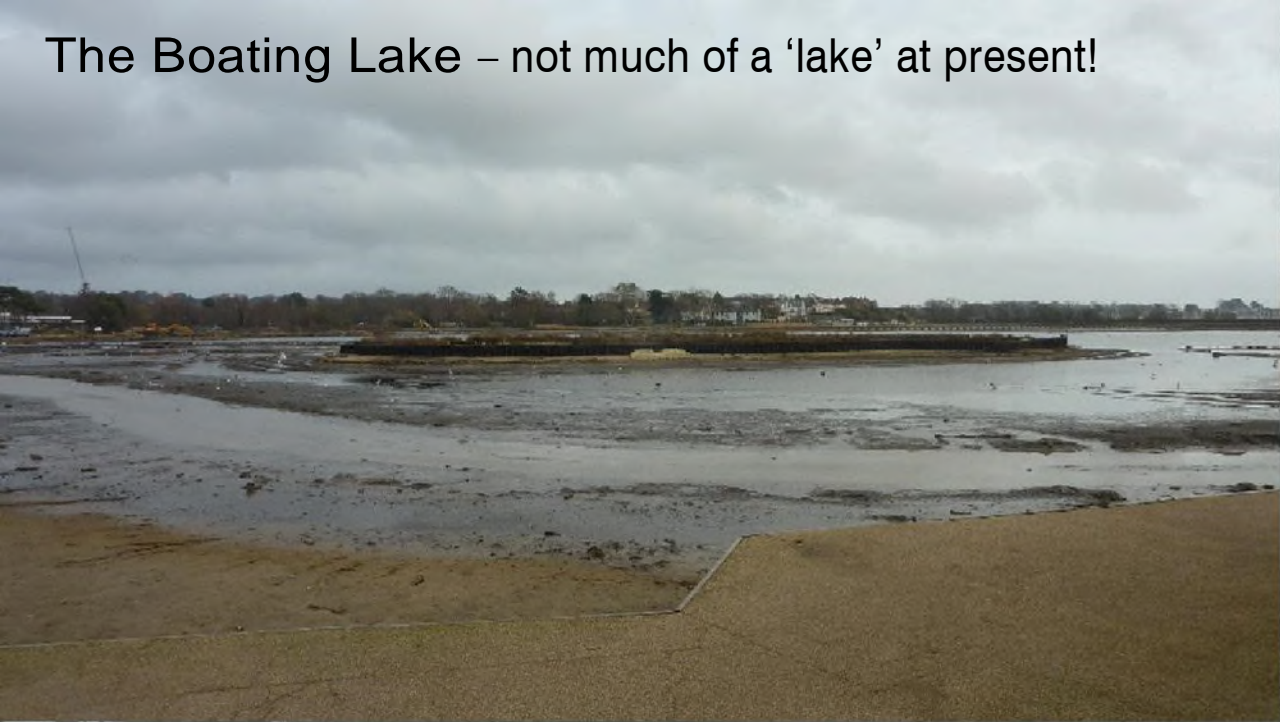


# Introduction



- Borough of Poole are using Heritage Lottery Funding [HLF] to “improve” various areas around the park. [INFO HERE](#)
- Currently, the contractors are working on the lakes/lagoons and areas around them.
- As my photos will show, the large boating lake is currently largely drained to allow for dredging, but 2 dredging vehicles have got stuck in the mud near the middle of the lake, as reported in the Daily Echo [here](#). Not sure how the contractors are planning to remove them!
- Due to the work in the lake, mud has been disturbed and is emitting an unpleasant stench in various places around the lake. Islands are being redeveloped and edged with fencing and the inner lakes are also being worked on.

# The Boating Lake – not much of a ‘lake’ at present!



This old fountain doesn't seem to work anymore – it was installed some years ago in an attempt to aerate the water



Some of the dredging vehicles parked at edge of lake [not stuck]

Not sure if these swans are enjoying the unusually 'low tide'!



The War Memorial has been restored with help from HLF, including new paving, cleaning and repointing of the structure







## **STUCK in the DEEP MUD**



A large section of the inner lake is currently fenced off to allow for works to be undertaken; old paving has been removed along with planting and street furniture.





Amphibious vehicles parked at the lake's edge







## Remnants of the Railway

The disused railway line still runs around the inner lake, but is now moss/grass-covered in places and has even been covered over with dirt/mud in places. If it was to be used again, then it would need heavy restoration or replacement. BOP is looking into getting it running again, sometime in the future...

[See article on Poole Council website here re the railway.](#)





Quite a few trees have been felled from around the inner lake's edge, due to them having various diseases, according to Poole Park Life website.



## **Muck on the line!!**









Another stretch of abandoned railway track







Major works currently ongoing in this area of the park. All closed off for safety reasons.









A bench in the new garden, built on the old go-kart site





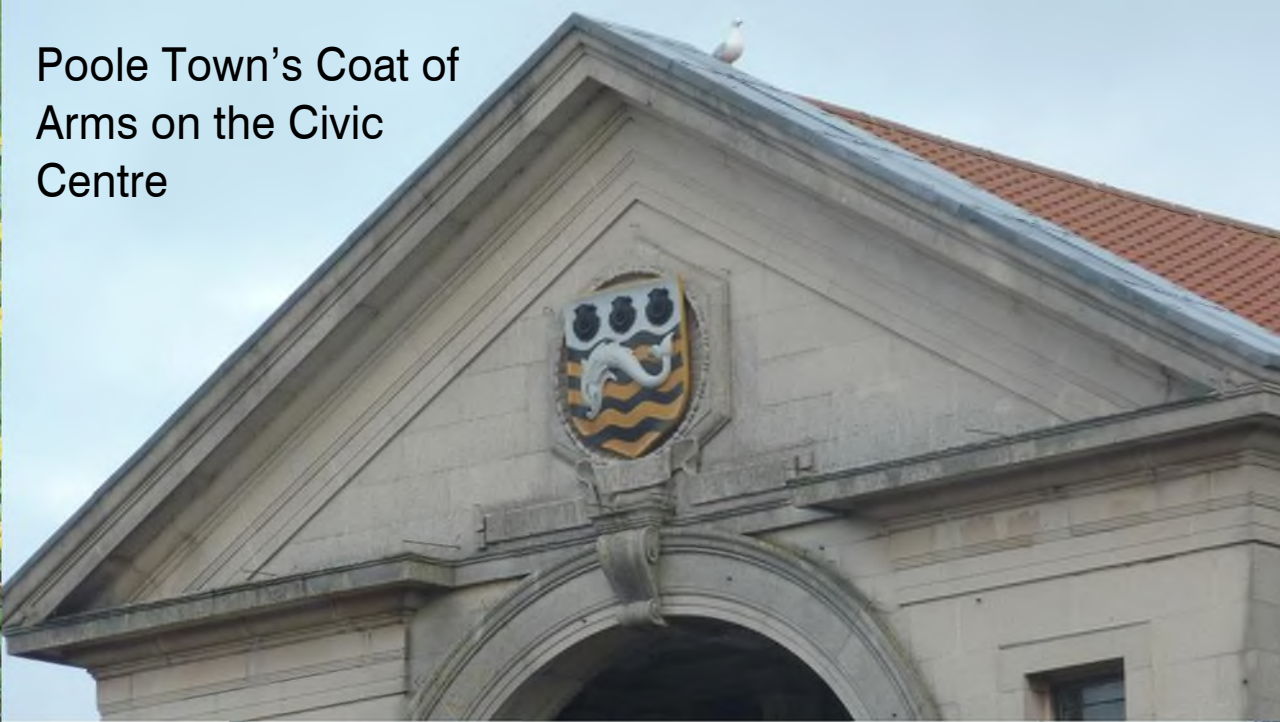
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Poole Town's Coat of Arms on the Civic Centre

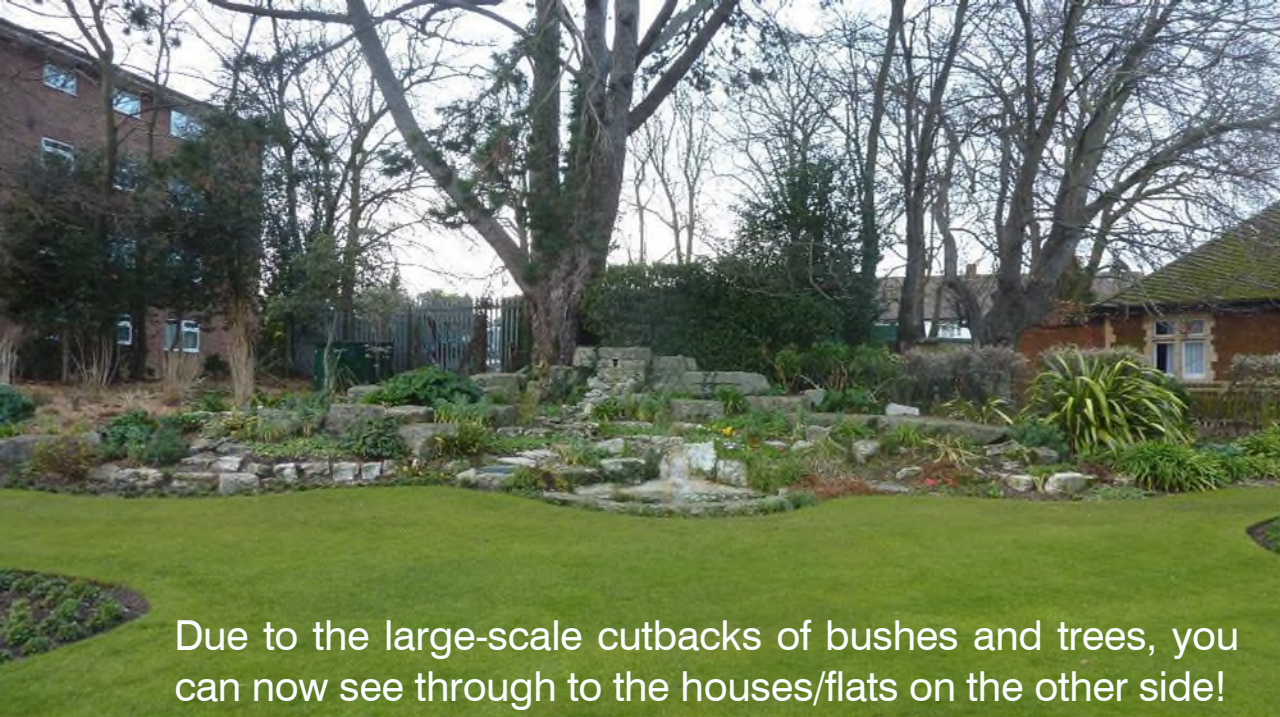




In this area of the park, BOP Grounds Maintenance operatives have recently been busy thinning out the bushes / shrubbery areas, such as the area behind this garden.



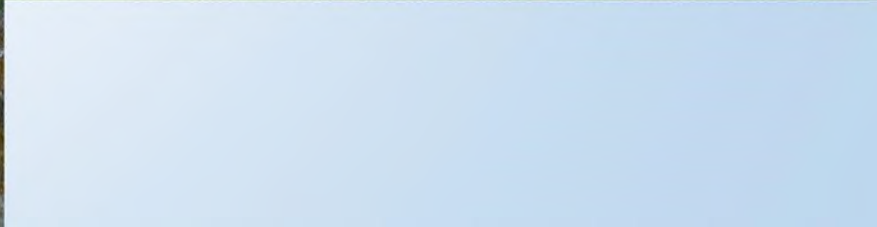




Due to the large-scale cutbacks of bushes and trees, you can now see through to the houses/flats on the other side!



Meanwhile, the area by the lagoon / freshwater lake is also being devastated...







Old train station still standing, disused







Too much litter for the bin!





\*tinken vehicies







Waddling about in the sediment!





War Memorial  
Garden

Some rubbish in the lakebed







These houses have a nice view and get to enjoy the pungent aroma of stagnant mud





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The obligatory sunken bollard



**Visit Poole Park: Sit and enjoy the lakeside view and odour!**





# Goodbye From Poole Park!

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