

# DUCKLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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To all users of Ducklington village pond and green,

We welcome your use and enjoyment of this village pond and green. It is a central focal point of our village and we keep it looking tidy and well managed so that it can be enjoyed by all.

The Parish Council consulted an ecologist in 2009 who concluded that there were far too many ducks for the pond and green to support and that this was due to the abundance of artificial food.

At an open meeting in 2011 the villagers showed their support for a reduced number of ducks to remain on the pond and for the pond to be managed to maximise the available open water.

The ducks are an important part of our pond and green, we have worked hard to keep the numbers down to a manageable and sustainable number.

It is therefore important that you **do not feed the ducks** when you visit.

- They are wild ducks and used to a certain diet
- Artificial food attracts more ducks than the pond can support
- Too many ducks will destroy the plants in and around the pond and green
- Too many ducks will create more faeces than the pond can naturally process causing the water to become green and smelly
- Artificial food brings vermin into the centre of the village and in close proximity to residences causing a public health nuisance

For more information and for copies of the ecology reports and recommendations please visit the Parish Council Website ( [www.ducklingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ducklingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk) )

We are really pleased that people visit our village and our pond, please help us to keep it looking as nice as it does.

Whilst you are enjoying your stay in our village – please make full use of our free car park and perhaps visit our local public houses – both serve hot drinks and meals. For directions to these and other amenities in the village please see the web site or look at the map boards in the car park, bus shelter and on Witney Road by the Four Pillars hotel.

Thank you

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