



Installation of Marmax benches: Billy & Kieran and the Management, Main Pond Oct 2024

Introduction of Leisure Facilities and Gating

As habitat improvements began to take effect, the Parish Ponds began to attract many more visitors. Decisions were made to introduce some leisure facilities. Following numerous requests from visitors for somewhere to rest and to dispose of litter, some seats and a litter bin were installed.

It was also decided to install fencing and gating to keep the Main Pond more secure and to prevent the habitat being damaged by motorbikes and by other forms of vandalism.

Installation of benches and waste bins October 2024 and May 2026



The first visitor arrives to test the new seats October 2024



New bin at the Lily Pond

The products are made locally in Stanley by MARMAX, an award-winning company that makes 100% recycled plastic furniture. Marmax products are made from recycled milk containers; they are maintenance free, do not rot, corrode, nor splinter and are promoted as being resistant to graffiti and more resilient to other types of vandalism.

New seat at the Lily Pond installed in memory of Archie York by Billy and Dave of Marmax, May 2026





Installation of Farmer's Gate, Kissing Gate and Fencing, March 2025

The gate and fencing were installed as additional security at the entrance to the Main Pond (above) and also a gate at the exit to the A696 layby. Many thanks to the team from Green Eagle Trees.

Litter Bin and new signage at Whorlton Lane, January 2026

A new litter bin was installed by the City Council. Also, signage with directions to the Parish Ponds and Woolsington Village, courtesy of the Rights of Way Officer (right).



Installation of Metal Gate, Kissing Gate and Log Wall, May 2026



Sadly, the wooden gate and fencing had become a regular target for vandalism and so was replaced by metal versions, plus a log wall made of local larch.

Many thanks to Joe Northwood and his team for the expert advice and installation of these top-quality products.

(above) New gate and log wall under construction and (below) being tried out for size

