

Over the years the club has implemented various methods to combat cormorant predation which happens predominantly over the winter periods and seriously effects the clubs fish stocks and fish welfare. This year we have reached out to Angling Trust for their advice on how we can better manage this problem and with their guidance have developed a strategy to introduce a long term solution to not only combat predation but to improve fish habitat and overall fishing experience for our members.

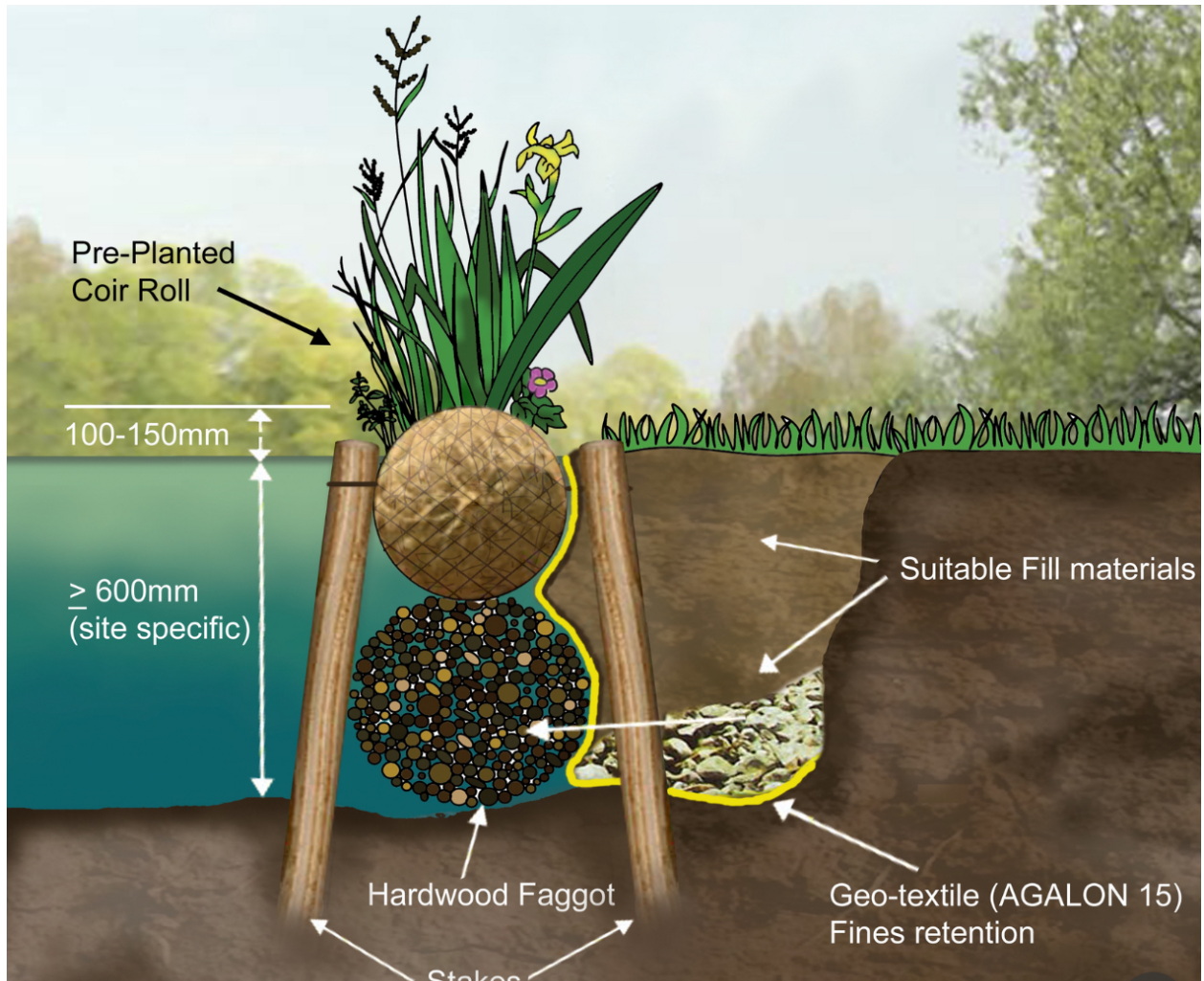
The project is in three parts. Part 1 is to install four floating islands with cages suspended beneath to provide safety from predators. Part 2 is to improve the margins between pegs 1 to 7 by removing the hard surface retaining the banking and replace this with a softer vegetated landscape which will again improve fish habitat and a better fishing experience. Part 3 is to undertake additional margin planting to offer further protection but also to improve fish habitat by providing areas for spawning. (See plan).

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Typical Floating Island.



Typical band vegetation.

Clearly this is going to be a big undertaking but the long term benefit to the members will be well worth the effort. To this end we ask every member to assist by volunteering to help in any way they can.