

Press Release

Blue Green Algae no longer present in Canvey Lake

The Town Council is pleased to confirm that the Blue Green Algae present in the lake during the summer months is no longer present and is no longer deemed a danger to the public.

The Environment Agency have recently visited the lake and have confirmed that the readings taken show a complete switch from a high over saturated system with algae producing in excess of 180% dissolved oxygen to a low reading. An environment officer recorded stable oxygen levels as well as visual checks with no signs of Algae present. This time of the year with freshwater inputs and lower temperature shows in the low % of oxygen and PH has also stabilised.

For more information on the explanation of readings, please see the Councils website and the water quality document.

Canvey Lake is not a bathing lake and fishing is prohibited, therefore, the risk to residents is limited, however, the warning signs will be removed in due course.

It is still recommended that pets and children are kept away from the water for their general safety and dogs should be kept on leads.

For more information, please see the Councils website www.canveyisland-tc.gov.uk.

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