

# Supporting Photographs

## Wildlife Pond at Silvercombe (Retrospective)

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The Southeast quarter of Silvercombe field has seen the accumulation of standing rain water during the winter wet season, particularly along the South fenceline, and where the wildlife pond is now located.

The regular recurrence of standing water in the winter has been confirmed by neighbours who have lived in the area for many years. For example, two aerial photographs from December 2020 and February 2021 were provided by Alex Vero at the Old Vicarage.



[ 01\_Silvercombe\_field\_2020\_December.jpg ]



[ 02\_Silvercombe\_field\_2021\_February.jpg ]

The pond has improved that situation. The water level of the pond was especially high in March and April of 2023, after many months of frequent rain. However, even at this peak, water was prevented from spreading to the South fenceline and onto the public footpath (see image 03). (Note: the path seen on the West edge of the pond has since been removed).

Beginning in May, there was zero precipitation for more than two months. The water level of the pond declined gradually, due to evaporation in the dry conditions. A wide variety of wildlife used the freshwater pond at Silvercombe as a valuable resource during the drought (see image 04).

Rainfall continued to be sparse during early July, leading to the lowest water level for the pond. Shelves, island bars, and gentle gradients were exposed, but the water was still about 0.3m (~1 foot) deep at the deepest points. The last photograph was taken from the South side of the fence, near the public footpath (see image 05).





[ 03\_Silvercombe\_pond\_high-water\_SW\_2023-03-18.jpg ]



[ 04\_Silvercombe\_pond\_med\_SW\_2023-05-31.jpg ]





[ 05\_Silvercombe\_pond\_low-water\_fpN\_2023-07-12.jpg ]