

Breathe new life into your water course

It is with great pleasure that the team at Building and Facilities News announce Aquatic Solutions as their preferred **Lake and Pond Management 'Company of the Month.'**



Spearheaded by Mike Stretton, Rugby, Warwickshire-based Aquatic Solutions is a family-run lake and pond management and maintenance company. Working with both domestic and commercial customers, due to their expertise and experience, Aquatic Solutions have the capabilities to undertake any project of any size – from small ponds to large reservoirs.

Mike explained: "Whether you have a requirement for silt removal or problems with aquatic weeds that need removing, within our team we are able to offer assistance for every requirement regarding water and its surrounding environment."

The team at Aquatic Solutions take huge pride



in being able to offer services that are extremely efficient, effective and economical. Their broad and extensive range of services include: Silt removal and dredging;

Aquatic weed control; Bulrush and Phragmites removal; lake and pond maintenance and management; restoration and refurbishment; as well as water lily control.

Silt removal is one of the most generally requested services from Aquatic Solutions. Silt is primarily formed from the breakdown of dead plant leaves and other organic materials within a lake, pond or river, which can have serious consequences on the future of that water and any life there is within it.

Mike added: "It can also lead to a reduction in the depth of the pond, increasing risks of flooding and the process of biological decomposition releases nasty smelling odours. Here, we undertake silt removal, silt dredging and silt pumping works in ponds, lakes and streams both natural and artificial. We are adept at minimising the impact of these works on the environment and the surrounding fauna and flora."

Silt disposal is one of the most significant problems to overcome when dealing with silt removal. Aquatic Solutions can overcome this problem by stacking and drying silt in confined sites, and recycling it for landscaping or bank reconstructions.

Another expert offering from the company is a



weed control service. Aquatic weed control is important for maintaining rivers, waterways and lakes. Although aquatic plants

provide food and safe habitat for animals, help reduce erosion of river banks and absorb pollutants, some plants grow excessively and spoil the appearance and quality of the watercourse.

The team follow these principles in order to classify the best possible measure to take in order to solve the required problem.

- ▲ **Identifying the weed** – See our useful Weed Identification Guide on different weeds to help identify what your type
- ▲ **Habitat and lifecycle of the aquatic weed** – Where and how the weed grows.
- ▲ **Cause of the weed problem** – i.e. is it coming from a neighbours property?



- ▲ **Timing of weed control** – When is the best time of the year to take action
- ▲ **Cutting and gathering or treating the aquatic weed** – Using the Truxor machine and applying herbicide at the most appropriate time and quantity.

"We will have a conversation with you so we can learn more about your needs. We utilise Google Earth or you can attach pictures of the area to help discuss any project with us in more clarity and detail. All of our quotations are provided free of charge and in the case of larger jobs we would undertake a site survey," said Mike. If you would like to learn more about how we might be able to help you, please contact us and we can have an informal chat to discuss the areas that interest you.

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