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From: Christopher Plyming
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Subject: Re: Pond Safety Fencing

Hello Karen,

As it's unlikely I will get down to the Playing Fields on Friday morning I have done as you suggested Karen and taken a look and below would be my thoughts.

Based on the idea that I wouldn't want to fence the pond with a tight boundary. And to balance the idea of the risk of an area of deep water with the fact that we are a rural village. Any signage should also reflect this. It also balances the cost/look/maintenance of a long run of fence with the intentions of being wilder and encouraging wildlife.

My suggestion is to create gates and adjacent fences at each end of the path leading to the woodland, in doing so creating a barrier in the most open areas - so that children can't easily wander through (they would have to head into the woods). This would also allow the opportunity for some appropriate signage but I would tend to something like

'Be aware this area includes a natural pond with deep water. Children should be supervised'

Over time to then join up these fencelines with dead hedges to create a more solid boundary. There is plenty of brash to make a start.

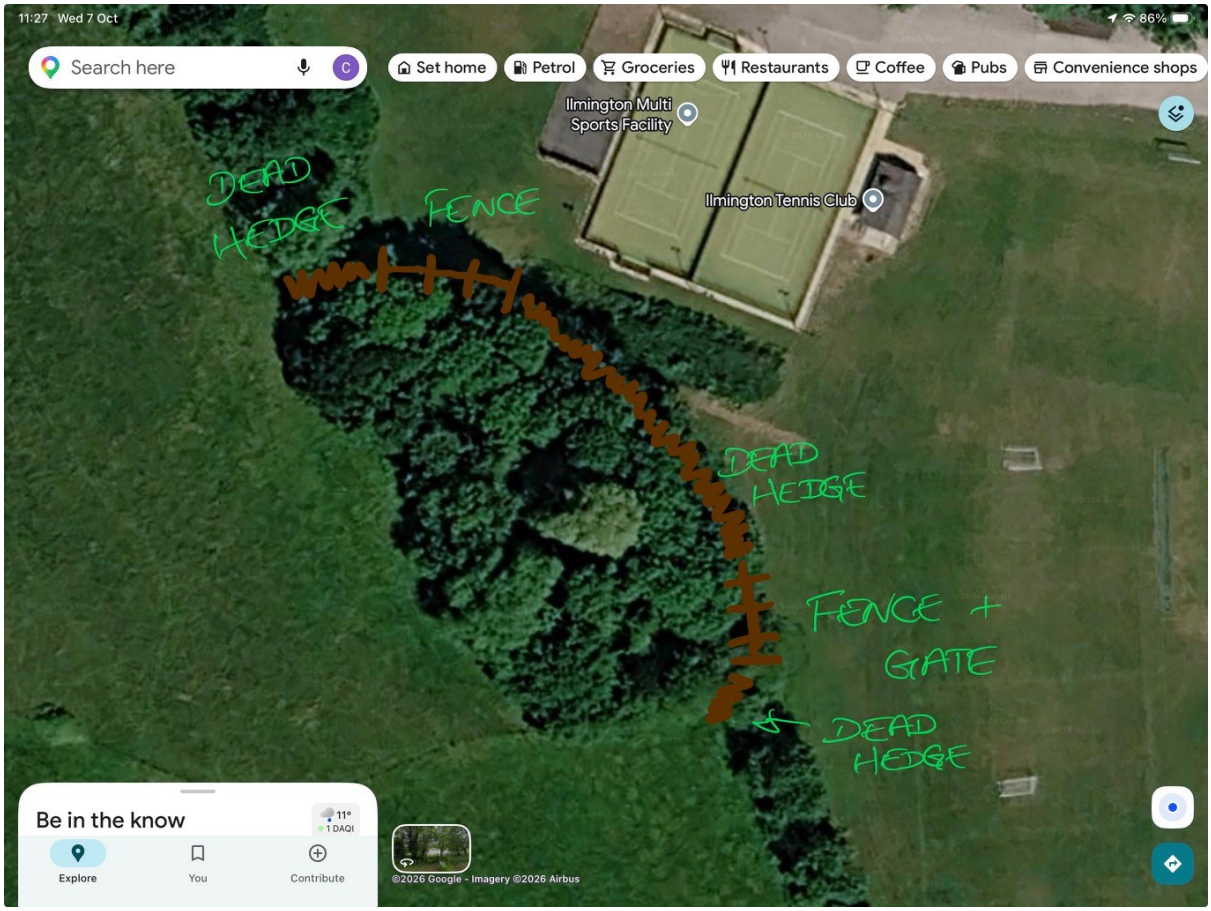
(For the uninitiated! a dead hedge is created by driving 2 rows of poles into the ground, creating a corridor approx 2.5 ft wide and spaced approximately 3 ft apart, and staggered, brash is then piled down between the posts to create a very effective barrier. This also allows for additional material to simply be added to the top of the dead hedge as it becomes available or needs to be disposed of. As well as a barrier it creates a very good wildlife sanctuary for birds and small mammals and the rotting material at the base a haven for insects. Image below as an example… and they are free, though do require a working party!)



I’ve also indicated an area of fence that could be designed to be removable - either with slip rails/bolts or screws to allow vehicle/plant access if required in the future.







Very best, Chris