

Bird Rescue at St George Park

Last Thursday a pigeon was found hanging by a 20ft length of discarded fishing line at St. George Park lake. The bird was overhanging the lake - high in the air and had been thought dead.

To everyone's shock, on Friday morning the bird began flapping and struggling on the end of the line. Richard the park keeper called in forestry workers to try to reach the branches and attempt to free the bird. Local resident helped by wading into the lake to catch the bird as the branch was lowered from above.

The rescue was a success (see photos). The bird had fishing line wrapped round and round his wings and chest and that had to be carefully removed before being taken to vet's at Secret World Wildlife Rescue. We have had news that he is recovering well and will be released when better.

The bird has been named Rocky because of the sheer endurance of the suffering he must have experienced, particularly because the weather Thursday night was raining and cold.

Bird casualties because of fishing line is a common problem at the lake - we are all so grateful that Rocky survived his ordeal. Let's hope that these problems may soon become a thing of the past.

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