

## CASTLE POND



Formerly the Port of Pembroke, merchant vessels used to load and unload at the North and South Quays. It was completely tidal then but in the 1970s a barrage was built to control the water level turning this part of the estuary into a Pond. The barrage contains a gate to allow boats to enter the Pond but this happens infrequently – we were able to enjoy such a sight last July during Sea Haven week.

The Castle Pond is not part of the LNR as the Council wish to retain it's recreational use, water sports & canoeing regularly take place.

However, despite magnificent views of the medieval castle and its appeal for recreation (it's surrounding pathways form part of the National Cycle Network and a popular local walk), the Castle Pond does suffer from neglect on the part of the authorities.



We have now formed a Castle Pond Action Group to highlight and attempt to bring about change. Issues include sewage overflow, litter & lack of bins, irresponsible dog owners, poorly maintained pathways, vandalism and lack of habitat for waterfowl on the Monkton arm of the Pond. We are presently trying to obtain permission from the council so that we can plant some shrubbery and reeds here to both enhance the appearance and provide cover for the birds.

