

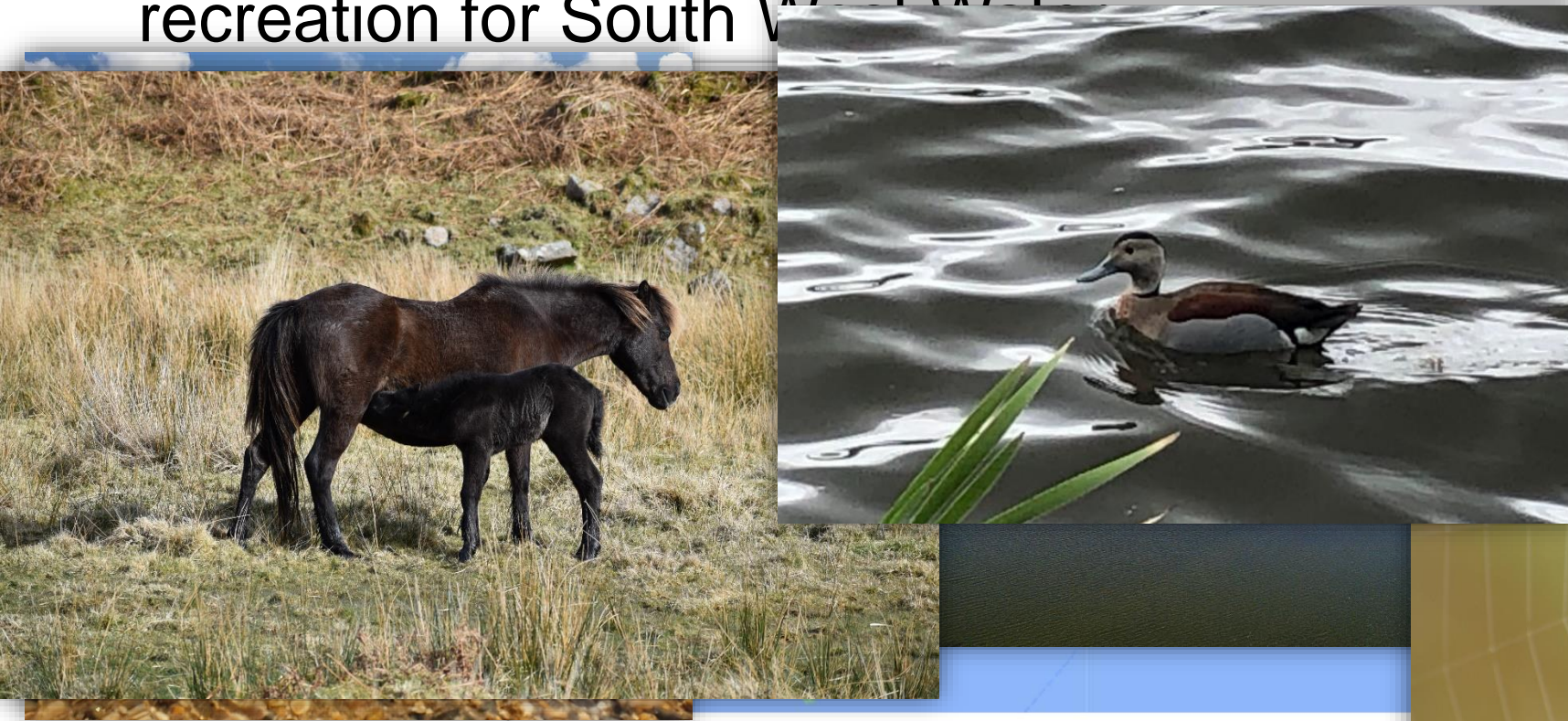
Volunteer Monitoring Scheme in the South West

South West Lakes

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Independent charity organization that manages conservation, access, recreation for South West Lakes



Visitors



In 2022 South West Lakes had over 2 million visitors.

- 7,000+ day launches
- 7,600+ angling day tickets



Each one of these visitors carries the potential to spread INNS



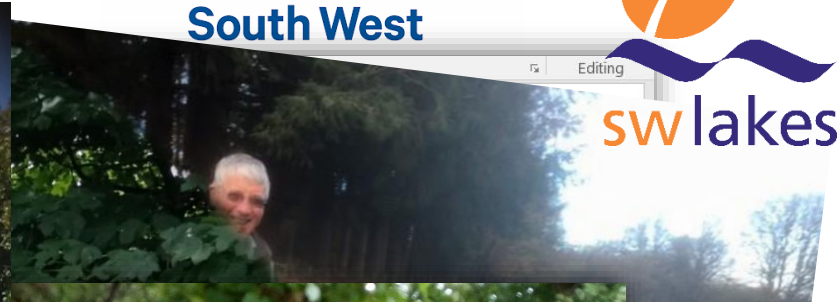
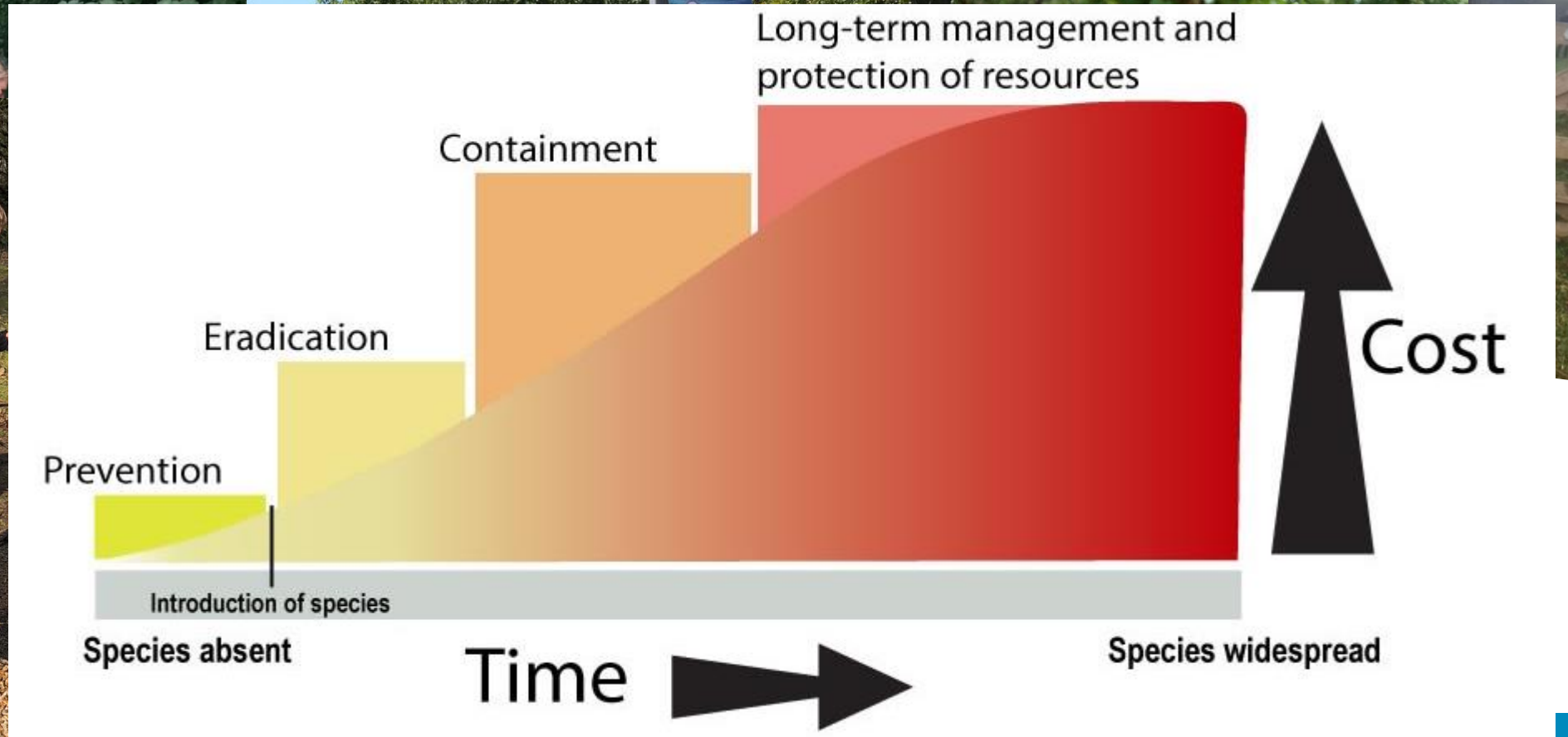
Who are the Site Guardians?



- Site Guardians are a network of volunteers across Bournemouth.
- Site Guardian program supports the environment.
- Often, regular users of the site.
- Different backgrounds and ages.
- Diverse group of people.



What do th



What do they get?

- Online training (INNS and Biosecurity)
- Site Guardian “Pack” including lanyards
- On-site training where possible
- Other training and workshops through
- Invites to regional INNS events, and
- Monthly newsletter with INNS news



NNSS
GB non-native species secretariat

Certificate of Training

This certificate is awarded to

**Take that,
GDPR!**

Who successfully completed and passed the following course

Module 1. Introduction to Invasive Non-native Species

on
November 7, 2020

Happy New Year!

all to say thank you
but I want to reiterate
our invasive species
Here's some numbers

urity presence from
net with many
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ections. You can read

ivities last year,

ranging from attending workshops and the South West Invasive Species
Forum to carrying out biosecurity at their sites. Site Guardians gave an
estimated 1,450 hours towards the project. We currently have 35 site

What works

- As involved as they want to be
- Can monitor during their normal
- Personalized communication.
- Site Guardians often go on to
- Site Guardian Newsletter
- Site Guardian Training



Challenges?



- Site Guardians are all very different – different preferred communication levels, styles, and interests
- People move on
- Receiving regular updates can be difficult

Other volunteering

- In 2022 – 2023 site guardians gave 213 days to monitoring INNS
- South West Lakes has a large volunteer base beyond site guardians.
- Other volunteers are always willing to help.





Thank you!