

# SALLY WALSH'S DAM

## FISHING RISK ASSESSMENT

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HAZARD IDENTIFICATION	PERSON/S AT RISK	INITIAL RISK EVALUATION			CONTROL METHODS TO BE CONSIDERED OR CONDUCTED TO REDUCE RISK/S	RISKS AFTER CONTROLS		
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<b>ENTERING AND EXITING THE VENUE/SITE</b>	Anglers, visitors and officials.				<p>If driving, users should keep their speed down to 10mph-give way to pedestrians.</p> <p>The small car park located adjacent to the dam is prioritised for disabled anglers and over 50yrs old anglers.</p> <p>All access points to be kept clear to allow access for emergency vehicles.</p> <p>Users must adhere to all signs displayed and the rules of the fishery – pay due care and attention to where you are walking. Use only recognised footpaths and close all gates behind you.</p>			

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<b>TOILET</b>	Anglers, visitors and officials.				There is a "porta loo" toilet which is situated in the main car park. Due care must be taken when using it by leaving it clean and tidy.			
<b>CAR PARKS &amp; PUBLIC FOOTPATH</b>	Anglers, visitors and officials.				<p>There are two car parks, the main car park on the opposite side of the road and the small car park adjacent to the fishery.</p> <p>The Small Car Park is prioritised for disabled anglers and over 50's.</p> <p>There are no marked parking bays in either car parks so care must be taken to ensure users park sensibly, allowing others to use and vacate either car park without hinderance.</p> <p>A public footpath runs along the dam head through pegs 18 to 25. Care must be taken when using these pegs as dog walkers and the general public use this path and have an unhindered right of way.</p>			

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<b>HANDLING FISHING EQUIPMENT AND FISHING</b>	Anglers, visitors, spectators and officials.				<p>Anglers should be competent in using their own equipment.</p> <p>Anglers to make sure that when setting up that their box/platform and equipment are arranged so that they can fish safely.</p> <p>The utmost of care should be taken when using hooks.</p> <p>Due care should be taken to make sure that the rear casting area is clear of obstructions, other anglers, visitors or pets.</p> <p>Where appropriate, take care to make sure there are no electrical pylon wires in the immediate vicinity.</p> <p>Anglers should attend dressed according to the forecasted weather conditions.</p> <p>Any discarded fishing line should be taken home by the angler.</p> <p>All fishing equipment should be removed from the water and laid on the bank during electrical or lightning storms.</p>			

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<b>RISK OF INFECTION, CROSS CONTAMINATION, COVID19 (AND VARIANTS), TOUCHING DEAD FISH</b>	Anglers, visitors and officials				<p>All anglers are required to dip their nets, mats and slings prior to fishing. Dip tanks can be found in the Main Car Park and behind Peg 26.</p> <p>The Society operates within the guide lines laid down by the Government and The Angling Trust with respect to Covid 19 or any other variant of the pandemic. If any angler/visitor has experienced any of the symptoms or has tested positive to any of the variants, they must not attend the fishery.</p> <p>Fish carcasses in the water or on the bank should not be touched, any sightings should be brought to the attention of the bailiff immediately who will deal with the matter.</p> <p>Anglers should use wet wipes to clean/disinfect their hands if required.</p>			
<b>INSECTS &amp; PLANTS</b>	Anglers, visitors and officials				<p>Common sense should be used when in the proximity of poisonous/stinging plants. If an invasive species of plant is identified, bring it to the attention of the bailiff immediately.</p> <p>Wasp/bee nests are to be reported to the bailiff who will deal with it appropriately.</p>			

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<b>SLIPS TRIPS AND FALLS</b>	Anglers, visitors and officials				<p>All users of the venue should keep to the footpaths.</p> <p>All users to be aware that inclement weather can have a detrimental effect to both footpaths and the bank. If slippery, due diligence should be taken to ensure you do not slip or fall.</p> <p>In inclement weather due care and attention should be taken whilst setting up.</p> <p>If any user should find a path or peg that has become dangerous, tree debris or a loose peg board, they should report it immediately to the bailiff.</p>			
<b>PERSONAL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING (PPE)</b>	Anglers, visitors and officials				<p>All users of the venue should wear suitable protective clothing and bring appropriate equipment for their visit having first checked the weather forecast.</p> <p>If the weather is very hot, then sun cream, sunglasses and or a sun hat should be worn.</p> <p>If any work is to be carried out on the venue, then the person conducting or taking part in the work should wear the appropriate PPE required to do so.</p> <p>A fit for purpose medical box/bag should be on hand whilst conducting any type of work.</p>			

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<b>RISK OF DROWNING HYPERTHERMIA</b>	Anglers, visitors and officials	H I G H	M E D I U M	L O W	<p>Swimming or boating at the venue is forbidden.</p> <p>If landing a very heavy fish, you may only enter the water no further than the edge of the peg or waist deep to aid the safe landing of said fish.</p> <p>If an angler falls into the water they run the risk of hyperthermia, they should change to dry clothing as soon as possible and seek shelter from the elements until such times as their core body temperature returns to normal.</p> <p>Maximum care should be taken when moving around a peg, all effort should be made to keep equipment neat, tidy, and free from trip hazards.</p> <p>If witnessing somebody falling in the water, raise the alarm immediately by shouting and, if possible, go and help the individual exit from the water by using the life buoys/rings provided and assist with their recovery. If necessary, call for an ambulance to assist with their recovery.</p> <p>Once the individual has recovered and in slower time, inform any Society official and inform them of the incident.</p>	H I G H	M E D I U M	L O W

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<b>RISK OF DROWNING HYPERTHERMIA. Cont'd</b>	Anglers, visitors and officials. Cont'd				Should the Bailiff have to go out in the boat to conduct any sort of equipment/tackle retrieval or work then he/she should be deemed a competent user of the boat and should wear the appropriate PPE.			
<b>WORK PARTIES</b>	Officials and workers				<p>Anyone that is part of a work party conducting any sort of work/help at the venue should attend in suitable clothing for the work they are undertaking and weather conditions. See separate Risk Assessment for each Work Party.</p> <p>All workers should be competent with any of the tools they may use.</p> <p>If anything looks unsafe bring it to the attention of the Bailiff/Official.</p> <p>At no time should any member of the work party start any work unless they have been briefed by the Bailiff/Official in charge of said work party.</p> <p>Any injury incurred should be reported to the Bailiff/Official and logged in the accident report book.</p> <p>Each work party must have a specific Risk Assessment carried out beforehand.</p>			

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<b>DOGS.</b>	Anglers, general public, visitors and officials	H I G H	M E D I U M	L O W	<p>All dogs must be kept under control, if necessary, tethered.</p> <p>Any faeces to be removed by the dog owner.</p> <p>Dogs are not allowed to enter the water or allowed to chase or attack the various wild life at the venue.</p> <p>If at any point an unruly/unsupervised dog does enter the water and gets caught up in an angler's line or hook then ALL parties involved (dog owner/angler) are to avoid confrontation and ensure the dog is safely dealt with.</p> <p>Any angler or visitor that is bitten or harassed by an unruly/unsupervised dog should inform the Bailiff and if deemed necessary the police.</p>	H I G H	M E D I U M	L O W
<b>NIGHT FISHING</b>	Anglers, visitors and officials	L O W	M E D I U M	L O W	<p>Care must be taken to bring/use adequate lighting, i.e., head torch or torch to aid visibility through the dark hours with a spare set of batteries.</p> <p>Care must be taken to identify other anglers fishing over-night on arrival.</p>	L O W	L O W	L O W



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WILDLIFE	Anglers, visitors				<p>Angler's/Visitors that use the venue that intend to or feed the local wildlife i.e., Swans/Ducks/Foxes/Geese/Birds or any other type of wildlife/Insect do so at their own risk.</p> <p>ALL anglers/visitors are to treat all wildlife with respect/care and leave them alone.</p> <p>All to be mindful when the wildlife has nests with eggs in or chicks they become very protective of their young– leave them alone.</p>			