



Health & Safety and Risk Assessment Document

1. Policy Statement

Cranleigh Angling Society (from now on, will be referred to as CAS) is committed to ensuring that it will do all that is reasonably practicable to prevent injury or damage to property. We will have due regard for protecting members & all other people who come in contact with the Society activities. When dealing with Health & Safety issues, officials, members, and volunteers who carry out activities have a clear understanding of the need to operate within the context of this policy and arrangements. Officials, members and volunteers involved in events or work parties will take all reasonable steps to safeguard all those taking part in activities and those who may be affected by them. CAS will cooperate with other organizations or landowners etc. to ensure risks are properly controlled.

2. Health & Safety Arrangements

A) Duty of Care

CAS requires all people involved in organizing events, work parties and day to day management to consider the consequences of their acts and omissions and ensure that those acts or omissions do not give rise to a foreseeable risk of injury to any other person or persons.

B) Key responsibilities

(i) Chairman

- Ensuring this policy is adhered to.
- Ensure risk assessments have been carried out
- Brief other officials on all matters relating to risk management or matters arising about safety.

(ii) Secretary

- Ensure that this policy is disseminated to officials, persons on activities for the CAS and members of the society.
- Report and log any accident or occurrences which may happen.

(iii) Fishery Management Team

- To supervise members or volunteers on work parties to work in a safe manner.
- To ensure all machinery is used by competent persons.
- Highlight any dangers in procedures of work as required.

- To stop any persons who are working in an unsafe manner and advise a safer procedure to use.
 - To survey trees on our fishery for unsafe trees or branches as appropriate or advised of.
- (iv) Members & Volunteers**
- Too fish or work in a safe manner and cooperate on advice or procedures by the person/s in charge or an official of the CAS.
 - To fish or work to landowners safety requirements as advised.
 - All members or volunteers are responsible for their actions.

3. Risk Assessment

A) Risks associated with angling

(i) Animals

Rats, cattle, horses, and sheep may be encountered. Cows especially with calves and bulls can be unpredictable and hence dangerous - Please do not approach the animal/s, try to keep the most distance possible between you and the animal/s.

(ii) Birds

Swans or geese are rarely aggressive but best left alone.

(iii) Diseases

Wiel's disease is transmitted in rat or cow urine. Please do not put wet line or equipment in your mouth. Please wash hands before eating or smoking. Undesirable bacteria may be present in animal droppings and pond or river water. Please take suitable precautions.

(iv) Power lines

Beware of walking or fishing under or near power lines. Rods or poles are excellent conductors of electricity, and charges can jump across considerable distances.

(v) Lightning

Rods or poles are good lightning conductors, please do not fish in these conditions, and seek refuge well away from trees. A good refuge is a car.

(vi) The Sun

Please do not under estimate the sun's power. Please cover up when fishing or working and take appropriate precautions to stop sunburn, heat stroke etc.

(vii) Banks

Beware of under-cut banks, and take particular care when banks are wet and slippery.

(viii) Paths

Slips, trips or falls are dangerous, please keep to obvious paths and take extra care when wet and slippery.

(ix) Trees

Fishing under trees can be unsafe in windy conditions- beware of falling trees and branches. Take care when your tackle is stuck up in branches, if you pull you may have the branch of the tree coming down on you which may cause an injury.

(x) Casting

Please beware of people behind you, around you or on opposite bank to you. Weights and tackle can cause injury to others.

(xi) Silting-Up

Whilst there may be solid ground underneath, it is hard to gauge the depth of silt. Thus there is a No Wading policy on our waters.

(xii) Wading

No wading is allowed on our waters (except for maintenance by fisheries management team or an official of the club in accordance with "Working in water" rules).

(xiii) Falling in water

If you accidentally fall in the water take care in getting out of the water. If the bank is too high walk along the bank with care to a more accessible exit. If you can't exit the water call for help or phone the emergency services. If help is at hand please take care not to endanger other people pulling you out of the water. If the person cannot exit the water with help then call the emergency services for help. A float is attached to the fisheries shed for use when a person has accidentally fallen in the water and is out of reach from the bank. Please do not use the float for any other use than lifesaving-it is a very important life saving part of equipment and misuse will not be tolerated.

(xiv) First Aid

First aid can be administered by anybody for small injuries. When injuries are of a more serious nature then only trained personnel are eligible to administer first aid. If no first aiders are available then call an ambulance.

(xv) Access to Fisheries

Access is via The Drive gate and no one is allowed to park a vehicle within or beyond the gate. Access from Queensway gate is via a padlocked gate for CAS officials only.

(xvi) Disabled Access

Via The Drive - It has a slope to the ponds and paths around the ponds. Parts of the paths are not accessible by wheelchair and some swims are not user friendly. Ground conditions are mostly on grass and thus can get muddy and slippery. It is CAS' endeavour to improve these conditions in due course.

B) Work Parties

(i) Supervision

Work parties to be supervised by Fisheries management team or person/s appointed to be in charge.

(ii) Machinery

All machinery will be used by appointed competent person/s or under supervision by fisheries management team until he or she has proved their competency with the machinery. Personal protection equipment will be supplied and must be worn at all times. Any juniors attending work parties must be accompanied by their parent/s or guardian and be supervised by them at all times..

(iii) Working in Water

a. Wading

To be carried out under supervision and to be arms length from bank. If wading is required further out into the water, then the life jacket provided must be worn and a life line tied to the person wading and supervised by others at the bank side.

b. Use of boat

Boat to be used by competent person/s wearing life jackets at all times.

(iv) Hand tools

To be used in the appropriate manner that they are made for and in a safe manner.

(v) Volunteers

Turn up at work parties in sufficient time to prepare for the activities.

Attend briefing at the start of work party activities. Carry out duties in a professional and safe manner. Except advice on duties or safety by person/s in charge. Volunteers who work in an unsafe manner or cause undue trouble at work parties or activities will be asked to leave from the site. All volunteers are responsible for their actions.

C) Other locations

Work parties or activities on other waters not owned by the Society will adhere to their safety policy, as well as CAS safety policy.

4. Conclusion

This safety policy & risk assessment will be a work in progress to highlight risks and to make all possible means to reduce the likelihood of accidents & injuries.

Cranleigh Angling Society accepts no liability of whatsoever nature arising from death or bodily injury or loss off or damage to property of any kind.