

Woodbridge Model Boat Club Risk Assessment

The pond is owned and maintained by the East Suffolk Council. Any defects to the pond and its surrounds which could affect the safety of the club's members or the public should be reported to the council either by phone Tel: 0333 016 2000 or to their Environmental Department or email to customerservices@eastsoffolk.gov.uk

The field where the pond is situated has poor drainage and the grass together with the concrete pathway surrounding the pond are subsequently flooded by water and can be extremely slippery.

It is therefore the responsibility of individual members to make sure that when they attend the pond that they have appropriate footwear to minimise the risk of slipping and injury.

If any member suffers with any infirmity it is advised that they arrange to visit the pond accompanied by a fellow member, partner or friend to assist them to negotiate the pathway when it is wet and slippery.

All members are advised to carry a mobile phone with them when using the pond so that they can call for help in an emergency.

There is a Post Code IP12 4BB situated on the inside of the club's hut door to assist the Ambulance Service to locate the area should they require it to attend an emergency.

There is a folding wheel chair and a First Aide kit kept in the club's hut for use in emergency.

There are 5 public benches situated around the pond's pathway which can be easily walked into whilst watching your craft sailing.

It is advised that members should only walk forwards or side step and do not walk backwards if moving around the pond whilst watching their craft sailing.

If any members are using radio transmitters which are equipped with extending aerials they must make sure that an appropriate cover is fitted at the end of the aerial to minimise the risk of injury.

Any club member who has to use the club's extending pole must make certain that nobody is standing behind them who might be hit by the pole.