



VERULUM ANGLING CLUB RISK ASSESSMENTS - FISHERY SPECIFIC

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Location	Activity	Identified Hazards	How Long	Potential risk and harm	Current status and control	Chance Score	Harm Score	Control Score	Risk Rating
Moor Mill	Fishing	Public encroachment		Damage to possessions, injury to members of the public	The fishery has public access via public footpaths. Where possible fish away from these and take care when casting.	4	2	3	24
	Fishing	Dogs		Damage to possessions, injury to dogs	Do not leave any bait unattended or in open containers.	4	2	3	24
Riverside Road	Fishing	Slips, Trips & Falls		Personal injury	The fishery is at risk of undercut banks. These are checked regularly by the fisheries team, but each member should check the integrity of the bank before fishing	3	3	2	18
	Use of the tea room	WOR		Electrocution	Ensure hands are clean and dry before using any appliance. Check for any physical damage to power leads. Report any damage immediately to a Club Official.	3	5	2	30
Tingewick	Fishing	Power lines		Electrocution	Affected area no fishing permitted, warning signs to be adhered to.	3	5	2	30
Bellows Mill	Fishing	Power lines		Electrocution	Affected area no fishing permitted, warning signs to be adhered to.	3	5	2	30
	Fly-Fishing	Casting		Personal injury and to bystanders	Fly casting takes more room than coarse fishing. Check surrounding areas to allow a safe back cast. Protective glasses and headwear are recommended at all times.	3	2	3	18
Marford Farm	All outdoor activities	Cattle and other animals		Personal injury	Cattle are best avoided as far as possible. Ensure all gates are left as they were found. Be especially vigilant if young animals are present.	2	3	2	12
	Fishing	Main Road		Personal injury	The fishery is bisected by a busy road, use correct access route to the 'Long Walk' section to avoid having to cross the road with tackle.	3	4	2	24
Felmersham/Radwell/ Carlton Road/ Milton Ernest/Sharnbrook	Fishing	Slips/trips and falls		Personal injury/drowning	As a natural venue the river stretches are more prone to erosion and changes to the banks that could lead to collapse. Check the integrity of the bank prior to fishing and report any issues to the FMT.	3	5	2	30
	Fishing	Slips/trips and falls		Personal injury/drowning	Bridges and platforms are more likely to be slippery in more exposed locations. Check all structures before using them.	3	5	2	30
	Fishing	Unexpected illness		Unable to seek medical assistance	Fishing alone in isolated locations makes seeking help more difficult in times of emergency. Mobile signal may be poor or non-existent. Location may be difficult in rural areas. Consider fishing with others, check mobile signal and consider the use of 'What Three Words' app as a location tool.	3	5	2	30
	Outdoor activities	Mud and soft ground		Stranding	Be aware of ground conditions before attempting to access areas by motor vehicle	3	2	2	12
	Outdoor activities	Electric fencing		Electric shock, animal escape	Do not interfere with any electric fencing and only cross at authorised places. Although the shock may not be severe any escape of cattle could have further risks attached.	3	3	2	18

