

MALLENY ANGLING Ltd

RISK ASSESSMENT

AREA	HARLAW AND THREIPMUIR RESERVOIRS				ASSESSOR	R Ross/S Abbott (issue 5)				
DESCRIPTION	BAILIFF GENERAL DUTIES					DATE	January 2022			
OP	DESCRIPTION			HAZARD/RISK		CONTROL				
	Bailiff duties may include the following:			Risk increases during Pandemic		Follow guidelines on MA Ltd Risk Assessment documents				
	Issuing or selling permits.			If selling permits, Bailiffs will be in possession of cash.		<p>In the event of an attempt to steal Permit Cash, the Bailiff is instructed to hand the money over without argument. They must not, under any circumstances, engage in any sort of violent confrontation.</p> <p>The police should be called as soon as possible afterwards. Car registration numbers would be useful, but must not be obtained at the risk to the Bailiff.</p>				
	Checking Catch Returns. This may include a check of angler's bags.			Angler may become aggressive. A minority of anglers have issues with bag checks.		On occasions, conflict arises between Bailiffs and Anglers. The Bailiff will adopt an attitude of non-confrontation. The Bailiff will, at the earliest opportunity, report the matter to the Committee who will decide the course of action to be taken. If matters escalate severely, the Police may have to be called. Dial 999				
	Control of the water. And patrolling the bank when necessary.			Controlling the water entails maintaining discipline of all concerned. This may involve members of the public.		Conflict may arise with dog walkers who do not control their animals and allow them to run loose around anglers. The Bailiff should adopt a neutral approach, record the facts, avoid any confrontation and report to the committee.				
	Accident/health issue. Calling emergency services if or when necessary.			Accident, injury, antisocial behaviour.		Call 999.				
	Recording accidents or incidents in the Record Book.			Accidents, injury.		A record book is located in the Bothy, please follow instructions. Report without delay to a committee member.				
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DESCRIPTION	BAILIFF PATROLS OUTWITH HOURS (late night, early morning, often in darkness)				DATE	January 2022					
OP	DESCRIPTION			HAZARD/RISK		CONTROL					
	Bailiffs regularly patrol the banks outwith normal hours, late at night or early morning.			Bailiffs, on occasion, may come into contact with poachers whilst carrying out their patrol. This may result in an amicable discussion and the guilty party will leave without trouble.		Evening or early morning patrols will be with two or more bailiffs patrolling together. Bailiffs must be in possession of an active mobile phone and where possible night vision binoculars.					
	<p>Find, and discourage, any person/persons fishing without a permit or indeed with a permit but fishing outwith permitted hours.</p> <p>The use of a fishing method, such as the use spinning tackle or bait will also be considered illegal.</p> <p>All will be classed as: ILLEGAL FISHING/POACHERS.</p>			On occasions confrontation may take place.		<p>If patrols come across anyone fishing illegally, or acting suspiciously, they should make initial contact from a distance and try to assess the type of response they get.</p> <p>If the response is favourable they may, at their discretion, approach the persons with the intention of asking them to leave.</p> <p>Should the response seem confrontational, they must keep their distance, request the persons leave advising them if they fail to do so the police will be called. It may be worth reminding them that, if the police are called, all their equipment, including their car, run the risk of confiscation.</p> <p>In the event of a refusal to leave, the police will be called. Call 101 or if deemed serious, 999. Report to a committee member ASAP.</p> <p>At all times keep a safe distance and have an escape route planned.</p>					
	Slips, trips and falls are more likely during the hours of darkness.			Slips, trips, falls. Injury		Slips, trips and falls are more likely in the dark, so extra attention should be given. Adequate lighting from torches should be used.					
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DESCRIPTION	WALKING THE BANK (to Reach Desired Fishing Position)					DATE	January 2022			
OP	DESCRIPTION			HAZARD/RISK		CONTROL				
	<p>Anglers must walk the bank to reach their desired fishing position.</p> <p>Because of the geology of both Harlaw and Threipmuir, many hazards pose a significant risk.</p>			<p>There are significant risks of slips, trips and falls throughout both reservoirs, but probably more so on Harlaw.</p>		<p>Obviously, the geology cannot be altered, so it is the responsibility of anglers to use extreme caution when walking the bank.</p> <p>Appropriate footwear should be used, either ribbed or studded, depending on what is found to be most comfortable and suitable.</p>				
	<p>The sloping dam wall. Harlaw and Threipmuir.</p>			<p>The dam walls become very slippery, particularly when wet.</p> <p>Areas can trap your footwear causing unsteadiness when moving on.</p>		<p>Flat soled footwear should not be worn on the dam walls.</p> <p>It may be advisable to use a walking or wading staff/pole to assist travel.</p>				
	<p>Areas of rocks and boulders, particularly Harlaw.</p>			<p>Areas of rocks and boulders are unstable in places and particularly difficult to cross with an increased risk of slips, trips and falls. This can result in bruises, strains or breaks to limbs.</p>		<p>Should an angler feel unsafe at any particular area, it is advisable to move to a safer spot. This may mean taking a detour to avoid difficult terrain.</p>				
	<p>Areas of soft sand/mud.</p>			<p>Angler may become stuck and rendered immobile.</p>		<p>Always test the ground underfoot to access stability. The use of a wading staff is recommended. This applies equally in and out of the water. Always have a mobile phone for use in an emergency situation.</p>				
	<p>Sections of banking which drop off to the water line.</p>			<p>Extreme caution is required during low water conditions.</p>		<p>Anglers must act responsibly and take all reasonable precautions to ensure their own safety.</p>				
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DESCRIPTION		WADING (with particular emphasis to Harlaw)				DATE		January 2022	
OP	DESCRIPTION			HAZARD/RISK		CONTROL			
	Some anglers choose to wade and fish from a position out from the bank.			Harlaw Reservoir is, depending on water level, up to 20 metres deep at its deepest point.		All anglers must use extreme caution if they decide to wade.			
						General points:			
	Because of the geology of the area, particularly at Harlaw, many unseen hazards pose a significant risk.			Due to the geology of the reservoir, there are many submerged shelves and drop-offs which, at certain water levels, become in range to wading anglers. This means an angler can become engulfed in one forward step.		Waders should have appropriate soles to cater for the rocky bottom. Wading poles are recommended.			
	Uneven, rocky bottom.			Other hazards are rocks with a risk of slipping or tripping.		Anglers must act responsibly and take all reasonable precautions to ensure their own safety.			
	Unstable bottom			Areas of soft sand or mud which may trap feet. This represents a significant risk at both reservoirs during extreme low water conditions.		It should be noted that waders may cause added difficulty when walking the banks. The use of knee - high wellington boots offer less risk, but users should still be aware of slipping on rocks or sticking in mud.			
	Wading – shallow or deep.			All pose a significant risk of drowning.		Where deep wading is intended, the angler is advised to use a buoyancy aid or life jacket. This is not supplied by, nor is it the responsibility of, MA Ltd. Wader waist belts should be used, in particular always with chest waders.			
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DESCRIPTION		CASTING (with particular reference to Back-cast)			DATE	January 2022					
OP	DESCRIPTION	HAZARD/RISK			CONTROL						
	<p>Casting is a necessary part of Fly Fishing.</p>	<p>Back-casts pose a particular risk to others. Even if they do not appear to be in direct line of the cast, a sudden gust of wind can easily alter the direction of the line.</p>			<p>Anglers must be aware, before every cast, of any person within range of their cast. They must do this by observing their immediate area, importantly immediately, behind before lifting the rod.</p> <p>They must also make allowances for the possible effects of any wind blowing the line off course.</p>						
	<p>Anglers must be aware of others close by, whether other anglers or walkers, runners, cyclists, dogs and horses.</p> <p>It is very easy for such persons/pets to arrive unexpectedly without being heard by the angler.</p>	<p>When fishing close to other anglers, sufficient space must be given to allow for mistimed or windblown casts.</p> <p>Injury to public.</p>			<p><u>Reference the Dam Wall on the North Shore at the Ranger's House. This is an area of high risk to the public</u></p> <p>At all times only 4 people, including the bailiff, will be allowed to fish from this area. Always check by looking behind before casting.</p> <p>When the water level gets too high, all fishing from the Dam Wall will stop. This will normally be when the water level reaches -0.5 metres.</p>						
	<p>Certain areas of the reservoirs are more prone to hazards, such as the wall of the Dam, open areas in front of the benches on the East Shore and any other stretches close to public footpaths surrounding the reservoirs.</p>	<p>Water levels also affect casting. High levels bring the anglers closer to the paths. Lower levels may bring people and animals nearer to the anglers.</p>			<p>Eye protection is recommended at all times. This is not supplied by MA Ltd. It is recommended that those learning to fish wear head and eye protection.</p> <p>Double check you are safe to cast with no member of the public or dogs in the danger zone.</p>						
	<p>Anglers must also be aware of hooking themselves. Particularly in the head area.</p>	<p>Faulty casts can cause the angler to be hit with his own cast of artificial flies.</p>			<p>Wearing of hats and personal protective clothing offers some protection, but not to exposed areas of flesh.</p>						
	<p>Artificial flies and hooks with barbs represent a danger through accidental injury by hooking flesh.</p>	<p>Barbed hook embedded in flesh.</p>			<p>It may be possible to personally, through certain methods, remove hooks from flesh, but professional medical advice and assistance is always recommended.</p>						
	<p>Injury due to hooks</p>	<p>Infection from contaminated hooks.</p>			<p>Seek professional advice.</p>						
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DESCRIPTION		STOCKING		DATE		January 2022			
OP	DESCRIPTION	HAZARD/RISK	CONTROL						
	Stocking fish into both reservoirs.								
	At Harlaw Reservoir it is normal for fish to be put in entirely by the supplier, as they back their trailers up to the water's edge and load the fish down a chute.	Injury from reversing vehicle.	Stay away from delivery vehicle until vehicle has come to a halt.						
	Wading to assist release of fish.	Risk of injury due to walking on uneven conditions underfoot.	If wading to check for distressed fish always use a wading staff, pole to assist stability and avoid slips or trips.						
	On some occasions when the water is either too high or too low, the fish have to be put in with the use of a net or bin.	Manual Handling Risk.	Two persons of approximately the same height and build should be used for this task.						
	The net or bin, when loaded with fish, weighs around 40 kg thus posing a manual handling task. It is also a two-person lift.	Two-man lift over uneven ground and into water.	They should have clear instructions between each other as to how they are going to carry out the task.						
	Manual release of fish by net or bin.	Risk of slipping on muddy areas surrounding the water's edge, particularly in low water conditions.	<p>On some occasions one person has to take over in the water, wade out a bit further and release the fish. Usually this is the person with the leading hand, but this must be confirmed before the lift takes place.</p> <p>A clear route should be made up to, and into the water. Underfoot conditions must be taken into account.</p> <p>Use extreme caution.</p>						
	Threipmuir Reservoir is usually stocked by hand nets.	As at Harlaw, hazards exist. Soft ground and mud are a problem. Risk of slip or being stuck.	Follow the guidelines above.						
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AREA		HARLAW AND THREIPMUIR RESERVOIRS			ASSESSOR		R Ross/S Abbott (issue 5)			
DESCRIPTION		SEEMINGLY UNCONTROLLED DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS					DATE		January 2022	
OP	DESCRIPTION			HAZARD/RISK		CONTROL				
	It is not uncommon for unattended dogs to run freely on the reservoir banks.			Dogs become caught in an angler's line.		Anglers should try to be aware of dogs off the lead in their vicinity. In some instances where dogs are running loose this is not always possible.				
	Dogs have often been allowed to swim freely across anglers' lines.			Dogs wrap themselves around lines and leaders, with the likelihood of them being caught by the fly. It may also result in injury to the angler. Damage to angler's fishing tackle		If a dog becomes tangled in fishing line and the owner is not present, the only option is to call for someone to help with the dog. A call to help the dog often meets with more response than a general shout asking where the owner is. Unfortunately, any shout often results in the dog taking off at a great speed. One can only hope that the nylon leader breaks quickly causing no damage to the dog.				
	Dog is caught in an angler's line or hooked			When an animal becomes entangled in angler's line or caught by a hook, it is usually the angler who is blamed for the behaviour of an unruly dog. This often leads to confrontation. Damage to angler's fishing tackle.		Confrontation should be avoided if at all possible, as the angler is usually held responsible. Proceed with caution, be reasonable, release the dog, avoid confrontation.				
	Dog is caught in an angler's line or hooked.			Injury risk to the dog. Injury to angler.		Caution must be engaged, as the distressed dog may response with aggression. Only the owner must attend any injured dog. Incidents such as this must be reported to the bailiff with as much information as possible.				
	Horses with riders use the pathways at both Harlaw and Threipmuir reservoirs.			Horses may become spooked by the angler and become difficult to handle, creating a risk to others.		Horses can be easily spooked by an angler's clothing and rods. Pass horses slowly, avoiding any sudden movement and treat the animal and rider with respect.				
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AREA		HARLAW AND THREIPMUIR RESERVOIRS			ASSESSOR		R Ross/J Flynn (issue 5)		
DESCRIPTION		ADVERSE WEATHER			DATE		January 2022		
OP	DESCRIPTION		HAZARD/RISK		CONTROL				
	Adverse weather conditions.		Potential for injury or life threatening.		MA bailiffs cannot control all areas of the reservoirs and therefore anglers should, at all times, observe a policy of personal safety.				
	Thunderstorms.		Lightning.		Anglers are advised not to fish during thunderstorms or when lightning is close by. Lay fishing rod level on ground.				
	Lightning		Fishing rods may act as a lightning conductor.		Fishing must stop and not recommended to restart until at least 30 minutes after the last lightening flash.				
	Lightening strike		Injury or death can result from electrical shock following a direct lightning strike.		In an emergency, call emergency services, dial 999. A defibrillator is located at Harlaw House on the wall near the bailiff station. Some of the bailiffs are trained in the use of a defibrillator.				
	Wet surfaces.		Risk of slipping.		Surfaces will become wet during and after rain. Anglers should observe caution when walking on mud and stones or close to the water's edge. The surface of the dam walls may become particularly dangerous due to wet stones.				
	Snow and ice.		Danger to life – slipping, adverse reaction to low temperatures.		Fishing is not recommended during time when snow is on the ground or when ice is on the water. Anglers are advised not to walk on ice covering the water. Fishing may be restricted, terminated or not allowed during times of adverse weather.				
	High winds.		Danger to life or injury from falling branches, trees or blown debris.		Anglers should keep a safe distance from trees during high winds or stop fishing during severe weather.				
	Lightning Strike - bothy		Bailiff Bothy (metal construction).		As bothy is of metal construction and has an external mobile phone receiver, a lightning conductor may need to be fitted. Bailiffs are advised to return to their car or a place of safety during an electrical storm.				
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AREA	BAILIFF BOTHY/PERMIT CONTROL			ASSESSOR	R Ross/S Abbott (issue 5)				
DESCRIPTION	CONTAMINATION CONTROL BAILIFF				DATE	January 2022			
OP	DESCRIPTION	HAZARD/RISK	CONTROL						
	Bailiff has contact with public.	Cross contamination.	Risk Assessment will be sent direct to bailiffs and posted on MA Ltd website. When in contact with anglers, remain at least 2 meters apart. Contact should be for the minimum necessary period of time. Wear a suitable face covering at all times. Stand upwind of any contacts.						
	Checking permits.	Cross contamination.	Wear a suitable face covering, stand at least 2 meters apart and stand upwind of angler. Do not touch the permit or mobile phone. Permit or mobile phone may be placed on a suitable object and the anglers asked to back off while checking. Sterilise hands after contact. Do not handle cash unless you are wearing gloves or can immediately afterwards apply 70% alcohol hand steriliser after handling permit or mobile phone. Store cash in a polythene bag and do not touch for 72 hours.						
	Use of Bothy.	Cross contamination.	Use of the bothy is not recommended. If bothy is used, it is at own risk. Sterilise the handles of the door before entering and all hard surfaces in the bothy. All this to be done again before leaving or at handover. Hand steriliser and surface cleaners are provided. If possible, wear gloves during cleaning surfaces as cleaners may cause skin irritation. Dispose of all cleaning materials such as paper towels after use. Bin used materials and dispose of safely.						
	Use of Bothy.	Contamination from virus.	ONLY THE BAILIFF may be in the bothy and only one at any time. Not observing these rules may lead to action against MA Ltd.						
	Virus symptoms.	Cross contamination.	Do not bailiff or fish if you have any virus symptoms, have had a positive test result, are self-isolating or suspect you may have the virus.						
	Government regulations.	Fine, prosecution.	Follow Government guidelines at all time as these overrule any MA Ltd controls.						
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AREA	COVID 19			ASSESSOR	R Ross/S Abbott (issue 3)				
DESCRIPTION	PREVENTION OF CROSS CONTAMINATION				DATE	January 2022			
OP	DESCRIPTION	HAZARD/RISK	CONTROL						
	Cross contamination from COVID19.	Contaminated surfaces.	Risk Assessment will be sent direct to members and posted on MA Ltd website. Avoid touching hard surfaces inside or outdoors. Hand wash or cleanse with gel or liquid that has 70% alcohol content.						
	Airborne contamination.	Breathing in or skin contact with virus.	Wear a suitable face covering when in contact with others. Reduce contact with others to a minimum. Keep a safe distance of at least 2 meters at all times. 4-5 meters is recommended when fishing. As it may be difficult to quickly apply a mask, wearing a face covering at all times is recommended. BEHAVE LIKE YOU AND OTHERS HAVE THE VIRUS. Remove the face covering correctly and avoid touching your face, then store the mask in a suitable container.						
	Virus symptoms.	Spread of virus to others.	If you have symptoms of the virus, get tested and do not arrive for fishing.						
	Confirmed COVID 19.	Spread of virus to others.	DO NOT arrive for fishing if you have tested positive for Coronavirus. Do not arrive for fishing until all risk of cross-contamination is over.						
	Contamination during travel.	Cross contamination of virus.	Do not car-share unless with a person in your support bubble or a person you live with.						
	Government regulations.	Illegal action, fine, prosecution.	Follow government regulations at all times.						
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