

Hydro5Kpaddle

LEIGHTON BUZZARD



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Assessed by: Dave Hillier, admin@davepaddles.co.uk			Date: 07.01.2026
Reviewed by: Dave Hillier		Activity: Hydro5Kpaddle	Date: 07.11.2026
Location: Leighton Buzzard			
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What are the hazards?	To whom?	Is the risk adequately controlled and how?	What further action is necessary? By whom? Completed by?
Changing weather conditions affecting safety of paddlers and classification of water.	Leader Marshals All paddlers	Weather conditions must be appropriate for the activity. Cancelled if there is excessive wind or extreme weather warnings or if water level is unsuitable for planned activity. Leader performs a dynamic risk assessment during the activity. Is risk adequately controlled: yes	Dynamic risk assessment. Leader Marshals Completed by:
Temperature	Leader Marshals All paddlers	Hypothermia Hyperthermia Leader / Marshals should be aware of, and watch out for, the signs and symptoms of hypothermia / Hyperthermia. Clothing should be appropriate for conditions and activity. Leader undertakes dynamic risk assessment to judge additional controls that would be necessary for the prevailing conditions. Paddlers will not be allowed to take part in an activity if personal kit is not suitable for the conditions. Is risk adequately controlled: yes	Dynamic risk assessment. Leader Marshals Completed by:
Medical	All paddlers	Leader / Marshals To request relevant medical issues from paddlers before the activity. Is risk adequately controlled: yes	Welfare check Leader Marshals Completed by:

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Obstructions	Public Leader Marshals All paddlers	Leader / Marshals to ensure all paddlers keep pathways and thoroughfares clear of obstructions and trip hazards. Is risk adequately controlled: yes	Dynamic risk assessment. Leader Marshals Completed by:
Waterways Traffic	Other waterway users Leader Marshals All paddlers	All paddlers advised on the right and proper use of the waterway. Is risk adequately controlled: yes	Dynamic risk assessment. Leader Marshals Completed by:
Other water users and wildlife – Anglers, Wildlife.	Other waterway users Leader Marshals All paddlers	Participants briefed on presence of other water users as appropriate. Other water users should be treated politely and courteously Take care not to disturb wildlife, give all water birds on the activity a wide berth. Is risk adequately controlled: yes	Dynamic risk assessment. Leader Marshals Completed by:
Capsize, fall off.	Leader Marshals All paddlers	Participants to be briefed on capsize, entrapment and impact hazards on the activity itinerary including but not limited to trees, underwater hazards. Crew should be capable of rescuing capsized/entrapped craft and freeing paddler if necessary. Is risk adequately controlled: yes	Dynamic risk assessment. Leader or qualified person. Completed by:

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Group Safety	Leader Marshals All paddlers	Ratio of participants to leaders to fall within the PUK's guidelines. Leader provides a safety brief on the activity including upcoming features, mitigating opportunities and requests for assistance as required from experienced paddlers. Leader / Marshals monitor safety during the activity. Is risk adequately controlled: yes	Dynamic risk assessment. Leader Marshals Completed by:
Wellbeing	Leader Marshals All paddlers	Marshals to periodically ask if everyone is ok. Is risk adequately controlled: yes	Leader Marshals Completed by:
Spread of non-native species	Leader Marshals All paddlers	Check, Clean and Dry craft & wet equipment after use to prevent the spread and environmental damage from invasive non-native aquatic species and diseases. Check equipment and clothing for live organisms, plant fragments etc particularly in areas that are damp or hard to inspect. Clean and wash all equipment, footwear and clothing thoroughly, leaving any organisms at the water body where found. Dry all equipment and clothing Is risk adequately controlled: yes	All paddlers Leader Completed by:

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Blue Green Algae (cyanobacteria)	Leader Marshals All paddlers	If suspected Leader to report to local agency. Hands should be washed/sanitised after activity and before eating/drinking. Participants briefed on signs/symptoms. Is risk adequately controlled: yes	Dynamic risk assessment. Leader Completed by:
Safeguarding	Leader Marshals All paddlers	Every member has agreed to our safeguarding policy and participation statement that will be displayed on our signup sheets. Davepaddles.co.uk does not accept any behaviour that is deemed unacceptable. Any concerns should be notified to the leader or any Marshal. Is risk adequately controlled: yes	Leader Marshals All paddlers Completed by:



As Davepaddles needs to be compliant, the above risk assessment is a standard that is expected in any activity organised by us (Davepaddles.co.uk); the risk assessment should be shared openly within the participants and recorded. Any incidents or observations must be recorded, reported and signed off after the activity by the Leader or Timekeeper.

As a participant in any Davepaddles activity please supply any feedback to the activity Leader or any of the listed persons below.

Useful Contacts

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