

RIVERSEA HOLDINGS RISK ASSESSMENT For KERNE BRIDGE CANOE LAUNCH

WHAT IS THE HAZARD	WHO IS AT RISK?	HOW WILL THEY BE HARMED?	WHAT IS THE LIKELIHOOD OF HARM?	CONTROL MEASURES	COMMENTS
Vehicle movements within the carpark and canoe launch these include moving & reversing vehicles (vans, cars) with trailers, vehicles with no trailers, motorbikes, cyclists,	Visitors to the canoe launch and carpark. Riversea Holdings Staff	Minor and significant impact injuries from being hit by moving vehicles, Damage to vehicles	Low	Use of the one-way system for all commercial traffic which ensures minimal reversing for minibuses and vehicles with trailers. Commercial companies hold own insurance to comply with legislation/Highway Code	<i>Unloading of canoes takes place just off the car park nearer to the water's edge then vehicles are parked on the car park or leave the car park entirely.</i> <i>Most visitors to the canoe launch are regular visitors and are familiar with the traffic flow</i> <i>All users of the canoe launch are required to use the area in a safe manner</i>
Damaged and uneven steps at the canoe launch Uneven and wet surfaces and potholes in the car park	Users of the canoe launch steps Riversea Holdings Ltd staff	Slip, trip and fall injuries	Low	Signage is displayed on the steps and ramp at the canoe launch indicating users are responsible for their own safety. A one-way system is in use when carrying equipment down the steps and will be carried by hand down the steps to prevent any trip injuries Riversea Holdings Ltd will check the steps and remove any visible slip/trip hazards on the steps and ramps Any incidents will be reported to Riversea Holdings Ltd Staff	<i>A yearly maintenance report is outlined by Riverside Holdings Ltd on state of car park, launch area and any trip hazards and issued to Walford Parish Council for necessary action.</i> <i>Riversea Holdings Ltd will ensure that any trip hazards (not required by action from Walford Parish Council) will be cleared periodically and all equipment to be carried to the canoe launch.</i> <i>All users of the canoe launch are required to use the area in a safe manner</i>
Adverse weather conditions including flooding and high winds	Riversea Holdings Ltd staff and visitors to the canoe launch	Damage to parish council property Life threatening injuries to staff and visitors	Low	Weather conditions and river levels will be checked daily by Riversea Holdings Ltd staff, and they will advise users if deemed too dangerous. Users are made aware of risks posed from the River Wye and risk of fallen branches	<i>Monitored daily during peak season (April – Sept)</i>

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River activities, The River Wye and river debris Unauthorised swimming in the river	Riversea Holdings Ltd Staff and visitors to the canoe launch	Life threatening injuries to staff and visitors	Low	Riversea Holdings Staff undertake housekeeping checks on the canoe launch area for any overhanging or fallen branches and will be removed to prevent injuries Signage is displayed discouraging swimming in the river. A throwline is available for anyone who is caught in the river.	<i>Monitored daily during peak season (April – Sept)</i> <i>Staff will contact 999 in the event of an emergency, a first aid kit is available for minor injuries and a trained first aider is present on site</i> <i>The River Wye is a public right of way and access is a legal right so only advice can be given</i> <i>It is the responsibility of the canoe hire companies to ensure that there is constant communication with the canoe/paddle board users.</i>
Seasonal Refreshment Van	Riversea Holdings Ltd Staff and visitors to the canoe launch and picnic area	Burns, scalds and possible food poisoning from cooking and drinking activities Possible electric shock, trips, slips and falls from trailing power cables.	Low	Catering staff hold relevant food preparation qualification. Power cables to be insulated and protected by a cable tray/ramp if power source is not located near to the van. All electrical items that have a plug are appliance tested with valid inspection stickers displayed.	<i>Refreshment van is seasonal (April – Sept) and is open only during daylight hours.</i>

A copy of this assessment is available upon request and is updated annually.