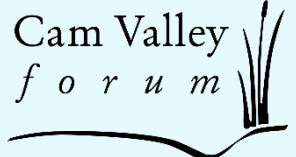


Cam Valley Forum Safety Policy



We aim to help people stay safe and have an enjoyable time while working to protect and improve the River Cam, its tributaries and the surroundings.

Accidents are unlikely but can happen. As we are often working by the river, it's important for people to realise the danger of falling into the river, especially in the colder months. Cold water shock is a real danger, but tree branches, brambles, hidden broken glass or contaminated water can cause injuries and sickness.

Here is a summary of our policies, to help keep people safe

Cam Valley Forum Working parties

At intervals we run Working Parties, for example to help eradicate invasive plants, such as Floating Pennywort or Himalayan Balsam, or to collect samples for water quality monitoring.

These Working Parties will all have an agreed designated leader, who will be a Member of Cam Valley Forum. The leader of the Working Party will have done a risk assessment in advance, will maintain a register of participants, including emergency contact details, and will file this with Cam Valley Forum.

Lone working will be discouraged.

These Working Parties are covered by our public liability insurance.

Independently organised activities

We recognise that people often like work spontaneously and independently to help improve the local environment, whether that's by collecting litter, pruning overhanging blackberries, removing invasive plants or monitoring water quality.

We welcome this and are happy to give advice and can sometimes lend equipment to help. For example, we have buoyancy aids, gloves, telescopic rakes and waders. We encourage people to take care in potentially hazardous locations such as by a river or a deep silted ditch, and to avoid lone working in these situations, if at all possible.

However, for the avoidance of doubt, please note that these independently organised activities are at the participants' own risk, and are NOT covered by our insurance.