

WWR Committee River Dee, Llangollen

Emergency Response Plan

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The WWR Emergency Response Plan defines the actions to be taken if an incident happens during an event on the River Dee, Llangollen. It will help to reduce the harm that such an incident could cause.

The event will be held on public areas along the natural banks of the River Dee. This event is **not** being publicly promoted outside of the Wild Water Kayaking community; however it is expected that there will be members of the public walking in proximity to the event.

Expectations

Everyone is expected to:

- Understand and follow the Emergency Response Plan if an incident occurs
- Follow the Instructions of the Coach or individual taking charge of the incident.
- Report any incident or condition that could give rise to an emergency.
- Report Incidents and near misses back to Paddle UK

Coach and Athlete Expectations:

- Work within the boundaries of the Risk Assessments, the event plan and this WWR Emergency Response Plan
- Discuss and brief individuals on any extra safety concerns prior to the start of the session at the event pre-race briefing.
- Understand the process for summoning assistance in case of an emergency.
- Knowing the location of the White-Water Course including postcode and directions for emergency services
- A fully charged mobile phone with emergency phone numbers for key contacts and other coaches. These must be pre-programmed into the phones in case further assistance is required during the event.
- Carry appropriate safety equipment, first aid kits and have first aid knowledge to provide adequate First Aid cover.

The Event and Emergency Response

- For any incident where the event first aiders require additional support, they shall immediately summon the emergency services by dialing 999, using Chainbridge Hotel and Berwyn St as the location.
- The key contact people above shall be notified if the emergency services have been summoned.
- During an emergency nominated volunteers will be posted on the roadway to direct the emergency services and keep the road clear for emergency access.
- The Chainbridge Hotel Function room will be used as an emergency triage / Treatment area
- In the event of an emergency racing shall be stopped and paddlers will be told to leave the water so that resources can be focused on the emergency.
- Radio communication and telephone communication shall be used between the start and finish.
- During an emergency the Chainbridge Hotel will be notified of an incident – this will be for local information only unless their support is requested.
- Immediately after any serious incident requiring the emergency services, any hospitalization or significant injury the organisers will notify Paddle UK and compile a full report of the incident.

Local Hospitals

Major Hospital:

Wrexham Maelor Hospital 24 hour A&E
Croesnewydd Road, Wrexham, LL13 7TD

The hospital is 19KM from Llangollen, approximately 20 minutes by car.

Local Treatment Centers:

Oswestry Health Centre (10.2 miles from Llangollen)
Open 08:30 - 18:00. Open 8:30 - 13:00 Saturday and Sunday

Community Hospital (Non-24h)
Thomas Savin Road
Off Gobowen Road
Oswestry
SY11 1GA