



Stafford & Stone Canoe Club

COVID 19 Policy

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UPDATE



Following the government's recent announcement, which allows groups of up to six people to meet, providing Social Distance measures are followed, we would like to ensure the safe access to all users of the river and footpath at Stone.

As per the latest British Canoeing guidelines, please only paddle in groups of **up to six**, keeping the safe **2m** distance apart.

Canoeists using the river at Westbridge Park do so entirely at their own risk. Canoeists should consider their own ability to self-rescue. Safety arrangements are the responsibility of individuals (or parents/guardians in the case of juniors). When considering the size of the group, this must include any safety provision that has been considered necessary (on the water or from the bank). The maximum number of participants (e.g. paddlers, coaches, bankside safety provision) should not exceed six people in total.

We would ask all users to respect each other's distances. To help this, we propose to split the river into three "Zones" to allow 3 groups to operate at the same time.

- Top Section from road bridge to steps half-way down.
- Middle Section, steps to bend.
- Bottom Section, from bend down.

In the event the sections are busy, we would ask you to wait until the river becomes free. If people are waiting, please limit your time on the water to 45min. We hope this will allow everyone fair and safe access the water.

Parents or family. Please allow walkers using the footpath 2m space to pass you. Please do not block the footpath.

Stafford & Stone Canoe Club is currently reintroducing small socially distanced coached club sessions for current members, as per British Canoeing guidelines.

Please note on the following times a maximum of 2 zones will be in use for these sessions throughout June, this will be revised as restrictions are released;

Tues 5.30pm-9.30pm, Weds 6.30pm-8.00pm, Thurs 5.30pm-9.30pm, Sat 12.00-4.00pm.

These guidelines have been put in place to encourage safe paddling for our members and for all other users of the river who might travel here to paddle.

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