

LEICESTER ROWING CLUB AGM 2022

Safety Report for AGM 2022

This year we have finally put our specific Covid-19 related safety procedures and documentation behind us and instead were able to once again enjoy Leicester Regatta.

Members continue to be assiduous in reporting incidents to the British Rowing online reporting system. While simple capsizes remain a common incident, it remains a matter of concern that many of the incidents, either of poor adherence to navigation codes by barges or of anti-social behaviour, are things that are very difficult for us to control in any way but which still need to be reported in the hopes we can push those with power in these areas to take action. Anne continues to do sterling work in her effort to get the Canals and Rivers Trust to take out navigation concerns seriously and to get overstaying barges to move on. She even managed to get some signage in place to deter magnet fishers, which has not completely solved the problem but does seem to have significantly reduced it. Most of our serious incidents since the last AGM occurred on land rather than on the water and we need to continue to identify and mitigate all potential hazards relating to our activities.

Some club members were unfortunate enough to experience a catalogue of safety issues at Newark Head in December 2021. This was a sobering reminder of what can happen when risk assessments are not fully adhered to.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported the club by spending time on the bank supervising crews or fishing all sorts of debris out of the canal or has worked to trim back overhanging trees.

Finally I would encourage everyone to continue to continue working together to keep everyone safe.

Sally Horrocks
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