

DART ANGLING ASSOCIATION

Bank Work Code of Practice

Members will be informed at the end of the season of the days on which Bank Clearing or river improvement activities will be taking place. Any operation will aim to improve the accessibility of the fishing and at the same time maximise the potential of the river as a salmonid fishery. Any work considered by the organizer(s) to be heavy work (e.g. removal of trees or large branches) should be carried out by contractors. The use of chainsaws is permitted by members providing that a current certificate of competency is seen and appropriate PPE worn. The organizer(s) should err on the side of safety at all times. One person will be in charge of ensuring that work is carried out under the following safety precautions:

1. Before any work commences the organizer(s) should carry out a survey of the area and produce a plan of work to be done.
2. A risk assessment document should then be prepared before the work begins and the participants should be made aware of risks and their mitigation.
3. Land owners should be made aware of the timing and nature of the work to be done. A list of contact numbers is available from the Secretary.
4. An Ordnance survey reference for an access point should be known.
5. The Association first aid box should be taken to all work parties.
6. A mobile phone should be available in case of an emergency. **N.B. Mobile phone signal strength varies considerably on the Dart. If this is the case, one should ask for help from the nearest house or business premises.**
7. There should be a brief work party meeting before work begins so that the party leader(s) can outline safe operating procedures at all times. No person should work alone.
8. All tools should be checked before use and a rope should be taken which could be used as a lifeline
9. A car and driver should be available should an injury need to be treated as a matter of urgency.
10. All injuries should be recorded and the Secretary and the Chairman informed as soon as possible.
11. The site should be left clean and tidy.

The relevant risk assessment documents are available from the website.