



Workshop for Breckland riverside landowners & Visitor Safety Group: outdoor swimming, liability, safety, plus intro to Healing Waters project



Wednesday 11 March 2020, 9.00 to 16.00

At Santon Downham Centre IP27 0TW, with afternoon outdoor discussion at Lynford Water. (Plus evening meal and informal discussion Tuesday 10 March 18.30/19.00 Thetford Bell Inn)

Calling landowners or managers with rivers or water where people swim or might swim or do other recreation: Do you have concerns about people's safety, your liability, and how best to manage any risks? Or thoughts on positive benefits?

This free workshop will bring together landowners in the Breckland project area with Visitor Safety Group (VSG) members to share experience and advice in confidential discussion.

VSG is developing advice about managing issues around swimming on your land, using their knowledge and expertise built up over 20 years of experience. It will be in line with their guiding principles of balancing visitor access and enjoyment with safety, and will be adaptable to any situation.

The Healing Waters project aims to teach people, especially young people, how to swim safely and with care for the environment and to spread that message. We recognise concerns of landowners, authorities and parents about risks and impacts. We aim to raise awareness and understanding of all, so that more people can have healthy fun safely with minimal impact and positive outcomes.

Other projects within the wider Brecks Fen Edge and Rivers Landscape Partnership Scheme are about conservation, heritage and recreation in the rivers. The projects, funded by the National Heritage Lottery Fund, will run 2020-2024.

More information on meeting organisers – the Healing Waters BFER project:

<https://www.imogensriverswims.co.uk/blog/os-brecks-2/healing-waters-project-outline/>; <http://www.brecks.org/BFER/>
and on the Visitor Safety Group <https://vscg.org>; <https://vscg.org/guiding-principles/>

Timetable

9.00 registration and refreshment

9.30 - 12.15 speakers

VSG speakers – balancing access with safety; issues, landowner liability and practicalities

Local landowner – issues and concerns of landowners about swimming

A local swimmer – joys of swimming and the range of swimmer types

12.15-1.00 lunch (provided)

1.00-3.30 outdoor discussion (by coach)

3.30 tea/coffee, roundup and next steps

4.00 finish

Register to attend and more info:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/landowners-workshop-visitor-swimmer-water-safety-vsg-healing-waters-tickets-85665791689>

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