



## **Reacting to and reporting Incidents involving the unauthorised use of Pennington Flash & / or LLSC property**

**Change Control – Summary Table**

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## Introduction

In recent years there has been an increase in the number of these incidents observed by LLSC members, but the level of reporting to the police and to the local authority has decreased. This has given a false impression that these incidents have decreased and the need for professional intervention or mitigation has gone.

This procedure is designed to improve the level of incident reporting to better inform decision making by Greater Manchester Police and Wigan Council.

For the avoidance of doubt, LLSC has exclusive access to Pennington Flash for all activities on or in the water, with the exception of angling from the shore and events authorised by Wigan Council such as The Iron Man competition. All other activities involving non-LLSC members and not carried out within LLSC rules and guidance are unauthorised.

## Incidents

The incidents we need to report include, but are not limited to the following examples (all of which have been observed)

- Unauthorised swimming  
Open water swimming is dangerous and is banned on the Flash unless managed by LLSC with adequate supervision and safety cover
- Unauthorised use of watercraft regardless of the means of propulsion involved or the size and nature of the craft (e.g. sailing boats, rowing boats, canoes, kayaks, paddle boards, large inflatable toys)
- Fishing from boats
- Trespassing on LLSC land
- Fishing from LLSC land
- Lighting fires or barbeques in any part of Pennington Flash Country Park
- The use of motorised vehicles of any type (bikes, quad bikes, rally cars, off road vehicles etc.) in any part of Pennington Flash Country Park



## Reacting and Reporting

If you witness such incidents, please keep yourself safe at all times and remove yourself from risk of conflict.

If you feel safe challenging the people involved, please limit yourself to asking whether they realise that their activity is not allowed and asking them to cease and leave.

Whilst recording video clips or still photos will provide useful evidence of infringements reckless endangerment of life, please do so in a way which isn't likely to put you in danger.

Regardless of whether a challenge has been made, please record details of the incident on the incident reporting page on our website following the link below, or accessing it via the Members tab on the LLSC website.

<https://llsc.org.uk/incident-report/>

On submission this will send the incident report to [IAPF@leighsportsvillage.co.uk](mailto:IAPF@leighsportsvillage.co.uk), with a copy also sent to the Commodore.

If there is any danger to life, please don't hesitate to dial 999 before informing the local authority using one of the following numbers:

Telephone Number for the Information desk is: 01942 489848

Back-office numbers in emergency: 01942 489841 / 01942 489851