

CAISTOR ST EDMUND AND BIXLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Guidance to users and risk assessment of The Raking Pit at Caistor St Edmund

Area: Located right beside Caistor Lane, the Raking Pit dates from 1085, when it was used as a source of providing clay and gravel. Left to fill with water and becoming overgrown once it was exhausted, two centuries later the Raking Pit was acquired by the Parish Council. With help from the Norwich Fringe Project work was undertaken to turn the 1-acre site into a natural habitat for wildlife and a rather enchanting spot for visitors to enjoy. There are paths around the Raking Pit and a seating area.

Date: This guidance was originally adopted by the newly formed Caistor St Edmund and Bixley Parish Council at the Annual Parish Council meeting on 8th May 2019, minute ref: 2019/6.

Hazards identified and their risk

- [low] Drowning by falling into the Raking Pit
- [low] Harm from tripping on uneven ground
- [low] Disease or illness from water or wildlife
- [low] Insect bites
- [low] Impact with vehicle from adjacent road

Mitigations in place by the Parish Council

- Regular site visits/checks by members of the Parish Council
- Regular working parties to carry out necessary works as and when required
- Two warning signs stating "Deep Water"
- Life buoys in place which are regularly checked.

Mitigations not yet in place by the Parish Council

- None.

Guidance to users

- Children should be supervised at all times to minimise the risk of drowning
- Users should not wade into or enter the Raking Pit
- No contact should be made with the water, if contact is made hands etc. should be washed thoroughly
- Users should supervise children when entering or leaving the Raking Pit.
- To report any hazards etc. please contact the Parish Clerk at 01508 493134 or email clerk@cseandbparishcouncil.gov.uk

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In case of emergency please call 999

Guidance reviewed, amended and re-adopted at Parish Council meeting 13th March 2024.