

# HEALTH AND SAFETY ON THE GOLF COURSE

- All golfers are responsible for the safety of themselves, playing partners and members of the public who may be on the golf course or footpaths, when playing on the course. No golfer should play if their playing partners are standing close by or in a position where they may be hit by a ball or club. No golfer should play a shot towards the group playing ahead until they are out of range and it is safe to do so – extra care **MUST** be taken when visibility is poor.
- All golfers **MUST** obey any erected signage and be aware of other players and greenkeeping staff on the course at all times. Do not play toward greenkeeping staff until you are certain they are aware of you and moved aside.
- Several of our tee boxes are raised and access is via steps. Please use the steps to avoid wearing away the banks, but take care to walk only on the steps. Do not step on the bare wooden sleepers which can be very slippery when wet or icy.
- Please consider your personal safety at all times especially when using the steps or walking on slopes / banks in wet weather and when the ground underfoot is wet, slippery or icy. Motorised trollies can be difficult to control in wet and muddy conditions – keep to the paths and flat areas of the course.
- All players must discontinue play if there is a risk of lightning and return to the clubhouse.
- There are viewing platforms on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> holes – please use them to check the group in front is out of range and walkers are not using the footpaths

- **First Aid**

In the event of injury or accident, First aid kits are located in the Pro-Shop, Secretary's office, Bar and Kitchen. Greenstaff carry small first aid kits on motorised equipment. Should you require assistance on the course please contact a member of staff – contact details are on the scorecard. Please report any accidents or injuries occurring on the course to the Secretary

- **Animal Holes / Ant mounds**

Although the green keeping staff endeavour to fill in animal holes, please be aware that there will always be some on the course and take care where you are walking. The area of rough between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> holes has large areas of ant mounds – take care when walking where the surface is uneven

- **Public Footpaths**

There are several public footpaths that cross the golf course and are marked by signs on the tees and signposts on the course.

Non-golfers may be on the golf course and so golfers **MUST** give way to walkers to avoid potentially dangerous situations.

Key areas are:-



**2<sup>nd</sup> Hole** – the footpath runs in front of the green. This is clearly visible from the tee.



**8<sup>th</sup> Hole** – the footpath runs across the fairway towards the 2<sup>nd</sup> green at the end of the left handside copse of trees. Walkers can be difficult to spot when entering the course from the left hand field.



**12<sup>th</sup> Hole** – the footpath crosses the course between the trees from both left and right on the brow of the hill and again in front of Curly's Barn and the 12<sup>th</sup> green.



**13<sup>th</sup> Hole** – the footpath crosses between the Men's and Ladies tee.



**15<sup>th</sup> Hole** – the footpaths runs behind the hedgerow on the left handside of the tee and fairway. Be aware of walkers and golfers before teeing off.



**16<sup>th</sup> Hole** – WARNING - the footpath crosses the hole about 25 yards in front of the ladies tee.



**17<sup>th</sup> Hole** – the footpath crosses the fairway from the right handside couse of trees towards the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole. Walkers can be obscured by these trees.

- **Safe use of buggies**

All users must be familiar with the operation of their buggy (both forward / reverse gears, emergency braking and stopping) before taking the buggy onto the golf course.

The following guidelines apply throughout the course ;

- Please take care when driving through the car park or on the area in front of the Pro-Shop.
- **DO NOT** drive or park within 2m of any Bunker.
- **DO NOT** drive or park within 2m of any Green.
- **DO NOT** drive or park within 0.5 m of any Tee..
- **DO NOT** drive between a green and a bunker.
- **DO NOT** drive across, up or down a slope of any kind (except where a path is provided).
- **DO NOT** drive through areas of rough, particularly where the grass is long and tufted ( between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> , 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> , 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> )
- Please stay on hard paths wherever provided.
- All drivers must use the gate to the 4<sup>th</sup> Tee (not the gap in hedge in front of 15<sup>th</sup> Tee).
- **DO NOT** drive on a fairway other than the one they are playing.
- **DO NOT** drive on any part of the practice range or chipping area.
- **DO NOT** exceed the carrying capacity of the buggy (either by carry passengers or additional bags)
- Under no circumstances should golf trolleys be towed.
- **DO NOT** use the buggy for any other purpose than it is designed for.