

Barnard Castle Golf Club Risk Assessment

Members, Guests and Visitors are hereby advised that comprehensive risk assessments are regularly carried out on the Course in accordance with the Club's Health & Safety Policy.

It is your responsibility as a golfer, caddie or spectator on the course to consider safety and strictly adhere to the following:

- **Practice play is limited to the designated practice areas adjacent to the clubhouse and parallel to the second fairway. Practice is forbidden on the course.**
- **You are advised to take particular care when moving round the course in wet or cold weather when underfoot conditions may require extra caution, particularly on slopes, banks and bridges.**
- **Steps on the course should be used with great care, particularly in wet weather.**
- **Caution should be exercised when close to trees on the course, particularly during windy or other adverse conditions. While branches which are considered dangerous are removed, whenever possible, the Club cannot be held responsible for natural conditions prevailing at any particular time.**
- **Buggy and trolley users are advised to use extra caution when going up, down or across steep inclines.**
- **If you come across any dead wildlife on the course, you are expressly prohibited from contact with it and are requested to advise a member of the Club staff who will deal with it accordingly.**
- **You are advised to avoid oral contact with anything coming into contact with the course, including sand, soil and grass, particularly when signs indicate that chemicals have been used.**
- **You are advised, when playing, to take every precaution to avoid hitting anyone with your golf ball. Particular care should be taken on holes where signs and/or bells indicate particular hazards.**
- **Never play a shot unless the players in front are well out of range. If a miss-hit shot is heading towards other golfers, you must shout "FORE!" loudly to alert players of possible danger. If "FORE!" is heard when playing, please take evasive action.**
- **Golfers must always stand well clear of the player who is playing his shot, both on the tee and other areas of the course.**
- **The greens staff are regularly working on the course when play is in progress. Please be courteous to them and ensure that they are aware of your presence prior to playing in their proximity.**
- **When damp grass collects on the sole of your shoes clean it off regularly to prevent slipping, check your studs to make sure that they are not badly worn and replace them if necessary.**
- **The scrub land leading from the end of the short strip of land behind the practice nets down to the beck should be avoided due to recent sightings of a British protected species.**
- **All members, guests and visitors are kindly requested to advise the Secretary of any hazards that they feel have not been addressed above.**

A copy of the Full Risk Assessment is available on request.