RISK ASSESSMENT - IWAS VISITS – nEWBRIDGE ON wYE

| **Description of Activity** | **Potential Hazards** | **Severity** | **Probability** | **Risk Rating** | **Control Measures in Place** |
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| Access to Fishery | Parking on roadside verge.  On foot via pedestrian gate or otherwise farm gates. | 5 | 1 | 5 | Beware of traffic and avoid possible conflict with working farm vehicles utilising lay-by. |
| Access to Water | Along paths and fields.  Presence of unpredictable livestock, also risk of escape.  Uneven ground with animal burrows and tree roots. Some stiles and various fencing. Risk of falls and abrasions.  Banks may be steep. Underlying river bedrock especially slippery. Risk of drowning. | 4  3  5 | 2  3  3 | 8  9  15 | Take appropriate caution. Close all gates.  Take continuous care when walking or climbing.  Exercise caution when ascending or descending banks. In case of doubt select another swim.  Wear appropriate footwear with metal studs. |
| Angling | Risk of injury from tangled vegetation, low branches and fallen trees.  Casting of lines with weights or fly, risk of injury from tackle.  Risk of electrocution - lightning  Wading – risk of drowning  Hygiene – risk of leptospirosis  Risk of drowning from falling in. | 2  2  5  5  5  5 | 3  2  1  3  1  2 | 5  4  5  15  5  10 | Appropriate headgear should be worn, hat and eye protection.  Appropriate headgear should be worn, hat and eye protection.  Do not fish in thunderstorms.  Wear appropriate flotation device, use suitably soled waders and carry a wading stick. Do not wade unless necessary.  Cover any cuts, sores or scratches with waterproof plasters or gloves; disinfect any wounds that occur at the waterside; wash your hands or cover food with a wrapper before you eat; do not put your hands in your mouth after immersing in water and never place bait or fishing line in your mouth; do not touch dead animals. If you develop flu like symptoms that persist tell your doctor that you may have been exposed to leptospirosis so that he/she can consider it in the diagnosis. Do not leave food, ground bait or bait on the bank  Wear appropriate flotation device. |
| Fishing Alone | No immediate assistance if any of the above occur | 5 | 1 | 5 | Carry mobile phone, carry whistle. Let someone know where you are going and when you should return. |

Severity: 1 – Nil - No risk of injury or disease Probability: 1- Improbable Risk rating: 1 – 10 Low

2 - Low - Minor injury 2 – Remote 11 – 15 Medium

3 – Medium – 3 day injury under RIDDOR 3 – Possible 16 – 25 High

4 – Major – major injury under RIDDOR 4 - Probable

5 – High - Fatality 5 – Likely