

POLICY FOR UNCONVENTIONAL USES OF DIGSWELL LAKE

Text as adopted by the Committee of Digsowell Lake Society on 30 Sept 2015

- **Benches or trees** "in memory of" at the Lake: usually **refuse**, because we're quite full. Will accept donations for a plaque to be placed on an already-existing bench. Or donation towards major project (new crossing at weir).
- **Scattering of ashes:** usually **allowed, provided** i) a cemetery certificate is produced; ii) the organisers accept that Members may unpredictably come on the scene at any time and must not be ordered about or hassled; and iii) a Committee member is present.
- **Swimming** of any kind always **prohibited**. Reason: The silt is an unseen but serious hazard.
- **Fishing:** always **prohibited**.
- **Remove any organic material such as leaf litter:** always **prohibited**.
- **Still photography and painting:** **permitted**.
- **Filming:** always **prohibited** unless instigated by the Committee. However, since they can record moving pictures as unobtrusively as stills, **personal hand-held cameras and phones** may be used, provided other Lake users' reasonable expectations of privacy are respected.
- **Wedding parties:** always **prohibited**
- **Woodland Burials:** always **prohibited**
- **Aerial objects (drones, quadcopters, kites etc):** always **prohibited** because of disturbing wildlife and proximity to railway line.
- **Bikes and motorised vehicles:** always **prohibited**
- **Naked flames/BBQs; litter; picking flowers and fungi; dog fouling; wandering off island footpath; boating; camping:** always **prohibited**

The Committee may itself undertake or instigate any of these activities if it considers these appropriate to further the interests and objects of the Nature Reserve. *(For example: filming might be commissioned to promote the Lake; drones might be used to assess tree health etc.)*