

## **SAFETY INFORMATION FOR VISITORS TO CLANFIELD OBSERVATORY**

The following information is to assist both yourselves and us in making your visit to **CLANFIELD OBSERVATORY** a safe, comfortable and memorable experience.

### **CLOTHING**

**Wear warm clothing!** The domes are not heated and it can get very cold, while outside it is very exposed. We recommend as a minimum -

- THICK PULLOVER
- WINDPROOF COAT
- STOUT SHOES (Walking shoes are ideal)
- GLOVES
- WOOLLY HAT

If you get cold during the visit return to the heated support building to get warm.

### **SAFETY**

A **safety briefing** is normally given to visitors on arrival.

The observatory is predominantly a grassed area. This is uneven and frequently damp and slippery so take extra care. All the domes have reduced height doors and extra special care is needed when entering and leaving them.

### **LIGHTING**

The observatory site is generally very dark and external lighting is minimal. Only low wattage red lighting is used in the domes.

- Carry a small torch to illuminate the ground in front of you, but make sure they are always pointing downwards.
- If you have difficulty seeing in the dark please advise a member of staff when extra attention can be given to your needs.

### **MOBILITY**

The observatory occupies a six-acre site.

- Be prepared to walk a few hundred metres.
- Limited wheelchair access is available to the Support Building and one of the Domes.

Please advise the observatory **in advance** should any of your party require assistance with mobility and then every attempt will be made to accommodate their needs. Access to some telescopes involves climbing steps, so please advise at the time if you are in need of assistance or are uncomfortable climbing the steps provided.

## **CHILDREN**

The Observatory is recognised as an educational facility. Organised visits for children (under 16 years of age) are welcome, subject to the following -

- Children will need constant supervision throughout their visit by a suitable responsible adult.
- Responsibility for their behaviour remains principally with **your** organiser and responsible adults in **your** party.
- One responsible adult per 5 children is a typical prerequisite.

## **RESTRICTIONS**

There is a strict **NO-SMOKING** and **NO ANIMALS** policy on the Observatory site, imposed by the Water Board who own the site.

## **RESERVOIRS**

The raised **RESERVOIR AREAS**, including the slopes, are strictly out of bounds.

## **FIRST AID**

Adequate **FIRST AID** facilities exist on site. In the unlikely event of an accident, the event must be reported to a member of the observatory who may be able to administer first aid and will record the details in the accident book. In the event of a serious emergency an ambulance can be called.

If a fire occurs we will meet for a roll-call in the car park.

## **SITE FACILITIES**

Seating, toilet and hand washing facilities are available in the support building. Hot beverages may be purchased or can be provided if this is requested or offered as part of your visit.

On site car parking is provided, but please ensure that vehicles are parked with the drive wheels on the hard standing and not on the grass.

**Note: It is the responsibility of the organiser liaising with the observatory to draw the contents of this notice to the attention of all other members of their party in plenty of time prior to the visit.**