

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

★ **THE OBSERVATORY IS A 'DARK SKY SITE'** ★

The following information is to ensure your visit  
Is a comfortable and memorable experience

**PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY**

*For organisers of group visits please bring the contents of this notice to the  
attention of all members of your party prior to arrival.*

**A SAFETY BRIEFING IS GIVEN ON ARRIVAL**

**THE TELESCOPE 'DOMES' ARE NOT HEATED**

### **WEAR WARM CLOTHING!**

- 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.***

### **OBSERVATORY GROUNDS**

- The observatory site is predominantly a grassed area.
- The grass is uneven and can be wet & slippery, so extra care is needed.
- All the domes have reduced height doors and care is needed when entering and leaving.

### **LIGHTING**

- The observatory site is very dark and external lighting is minimal.
- Carry a small torch to illuminate the ground in front of you, but keep it pointed downwards.
- If you have difficulty seeing in the dark please advise a member of staff and extra attention can be given to your needs.

### **MOBILITY**

- Be prepared to walk a few hundred metres
- Limited wheelchair access is available to the Support Building and three of the Domes. Please advise the observatory in advance should you require assistance with mobility

- The domes have some seating in them if this is required. Access to telescopes might involve **climbing a short stepladder** so please advise at the time of attending if you need assistance or are uncomfortable climbing the steps provided.

#### CHILDREN

- The Observatory is recognised as an educational facility. Organised visits for children (between the ages of 8 and 16) 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 8 children is a typical prerequisite. (Please see our Safeguarding children policy)
- Children can get cold quicker than adults, it is important that they are adequately clothed.

#### RESTRICTIONS

- NO-SMOKING
- NO ANIMALS
- RAISED RESERVOIR AREAS (including the grassed slopes) ARE STRICTLY OUT OF BOUNDS!

#### FIRST AID

- First aid facilities are available on site in all buildings.
- In the unlikely event of an accident, please report it to a member of the observatory who should be able to administer first aid and will record the details in the accident book.
- In the event of a 'Serious Emergency' an ambulance will be called.

#### EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS

- Conditions at the observatory can be cold, wet and windy. There is some physical exertion required when walking around the site.
- Visitors with a pre-existing medical condition should discuss them in advance of a visit.

#### FIRE PROCEDURE

- In the event of a fire evacuate the buildings and assemble for a rollcall in the car park at the 'Fire Assembly Point'
- Permission to leave the site will be given once the emergency services have arrived on site.  
***This restriction is imposed in order to allow the emergency services access up to the observatory site along the single-track lane***

#### SITE FACILITIES

- 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 the grass