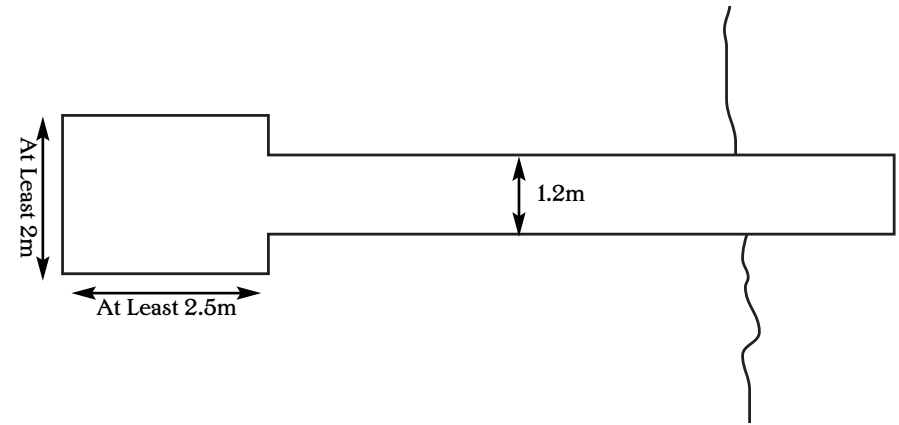


Access to the water side

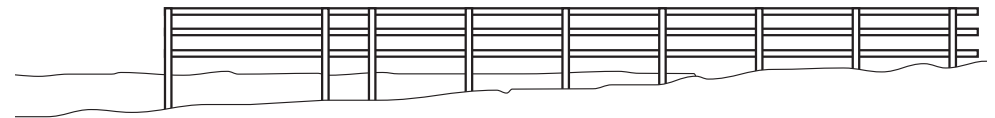
1. A car parking space clearly marked for use only by people with disabilities and 3-3.6m wide should be provided.
2. Paths to the water should be constructed to meet the following criteria:
 - A. Paths should be a minimum of 1.2m wide.
 - B. Maximum slope across a path should be 1:50.
 - C. Maximum slope in the direction of travel should be 1:20.
 - D. Maximum continuous slope 10m.
 - E. 900mm level areas should be provided between slopes.
 - F. All turns of the path should be on level ground.
 - G. Passing places should be provided 30m apart, these should increase the width to at least 1.5m for a length of at least 1.2m. Each passing place should be visible from the next.
 - H. Where paths cross cycle-ways or drives some indication of danger should be given.
 - I. Manhole covers and drain gratings within the width of the path should be avoided. If this is not possible gratings should be at no greater width than 12mm and should be perpendicular to the direction of travel.
 - J. The surface material should be firm, fixed, slightly textured and non-slip. E.g. Asphalt, Breendon gravel, tarmacadam, concrete, porous brick or paving slabs.
 - K. Cambers on paths should be avoided.
 - L. Where a path runs adjacent to a dangerous area railing should be provided.
 - M. Path edges should have an upstand.
 - N. Adjacent foliage should be cut back to form a clear path zone. No roots should be allowed to lift the path surface.
 - O. Paths require periodic inspection to ensure that they still conform to the above standard.



Fishing Platforms

Top rail 360mm high.

Platform 2.0x2.5m on plan. Access 1.2m wide.



Fishing Stations

There are two kinds of station:-

1. Shore based.
2. Fishing Platforms.

Shore based stations should be level and sited as close as possible to the normal water level, of a similar construction to access paths and 2.5x2.0m on plan. A 150mm high kerb should be provided around the paved area and a second slightly higher kerb should be provided as a fulcrum for a landing net. Access to the station should conform to the previous notes. A seat should be provided away from the water's edge for the angler's companions. In some locations the bank of the water's edge may require some support, this can easily be achieved with either timber posts, 150x150mm to which 25mm boarding is nailed (on the shore side) or by a concrete or masonry wall.

Fishing platforms are useful aids to anglers who have problems casting or where the water remains shallow for some distance from the shore. Platform levels should be as close as possible to the highest water level. A diagram of a suitable platform is given on these pages.

General Considerations

Stations should be within sight of other anglers.

Steeply shelving, deep and fast moving waters should be avoided.

A life jacket or buoyancy aid should be worn at all times.

Life belts and lines are necessary on the shore.

Alcohol should be discouraged while angling.

Timber

All timber to be treated.

Posts 150x150mm

Frame 225x225mm

Deck 75x30mm with expanded metal lathing or chicken wire on the surface to provide grip

Intermediate rail 100x30mm

Top rail 100x30mm vertical or may be placed horizontal 300x25mm.

Structure to be bolted with galvanised bolts.

History of the Trust . . .

The founder of the William Keown Trust, Bill Keown, was born a spastic and given a terminal infant life expectancy. His farming parents set him in a horse's collar to provide back support and, holding on to the farm collie dog, he learned to walk at the age of 5 years.



Bill Keown MBE, JP

Eventually, entering the open education system at the age of 8 he progressed to employment which was broken by a protracted period of major orthopaedic surgery, following which he set up his Cottage Industry enterprise. He holds the MBE for services to rural industry in Co. Down.

He was initially involved in fund-raising for orthopaedic development servicing the whole community. He was nominated for the Spastic Achievement Award in 1976 and took 2nd place in the whole of the United Kingdom. Returning to the Province with this recognition he was persuaded by his friends to provide an opportunity whereby recognition could be given to other people who are achievers in spite of their disabilities. In 1979 the William Keown Trust was set up and the Adult Achievement Awards were initiated. Later, in 1984, these Awards were expanded to include the Children of Courage Awards.

Recipients of the Awards and their families, concerned at the standard of access within the built and open environment, asked the Trust to address the problem. The unique William Keown Trust Access Awards for buildings that are both accessible and comfortable for people with disabilities were introduced in 1985. These Awards seek to profile the particular requirements of those with disabilities and encourage developers and those involved in the building process to make provision for good access.

The Trust responds to many enquiries on disability issues every year, and maintains a comprehensive library and information bank. For advice and information contact: The William Keown Trust, 3 Church View, Dundrum, Co. Down, BT33 0NA.
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This leaflet is intended as a guide only for those motivated and interested in following angling pursuits.

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Facilities for People with Disabilities
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Introduction

Angling is a most popular sport and becoming increasingly so among the able bodied members of our society. It is, regrettably, a sport that is largely denied to those with disabilities due to the lack of appropriate facilities. Facilities which could easily be provided thereby enabling the sport to be enjoyed by those in our community who have special needs. The William Keown Trust is actively encouraging Local Authorities, Angling Clubs and Tourist Boards to meet the needs of those with disabilities so that this popular sport may be enjoyed by all.

There are two main ways in which those with disabilities may be encouraged in the sport of angling.

- Ease of access to the water side.
- Provision of platforms over the water.