



Dear Parent/Carer,

There are many sites in Cheshire where on a hot day children are entering into the water surrounding Lymm, for example The Bridgewater Canal, The Bollin River, Lymm Dam and the river bed at Warburton. Cheshire Police have asked us to speak to parents/carers about the danger of going into open water after dealing with incidents of children in the locality.

With the warm weather and the whit and summer holidays children and young people may be tempted to take a dip in open water to cool down. Please can you speak with your children to get the message across that rather than being a bit of fun, swimming in reservoirs, quarries, dams, lakes, canals, meres, weirs and similar bodies of open water is very dangerous and every year young lives are lost in tragic drowning incidents.

For awareness it has been reported that some children have become unwell and have had an allergic reaction to being in the local River Bollin suffering a rash and blisters and have had to seek medical attention.

Please see below from Cheshire Police highlighting the dangers around water safety for children and young people.



Beautiful but deadly: why reservoirs are best enjoyed from the banks.

We have 180 reservoirs across the North West, many in beautiful locations. We'd love you to visit your local site, but please, stay out of the water. Reservoirs may look inviting, especially on a hot day, but they are about the worst possible places to take a swim.

The freezing cold water can numb your limbs, while hidden currents and machinery can drag you under, even the strongest swimmers can quickly get into difficulty.
