

Playing Golf and Visiting Mid Herts Golf Club –

Here at Mid Herts we aim to make your visit as risk free as possible. The very nature of the game of golf makes it impossible to eliminate risk entirely. Our endeavour is to reduce and manage risk as best we can. This is reinforced by our Health and Safety policy that is kept under constant review.

Remember that all players and visitors have a responsibility to take care of themselves and others.

When playing golf we share the space with nature which has no respect for Health and Safety. There will be naturally occurring hazards beyond our control, these must be recognised and treated with care.

Please report any incident or situation you feel unhappy with to the General Manager.

Arriving at the club

Upon entering the club please be aware that we share the access road with houses and our neighbours. Care must be taken exactly as you would on any public road. This is a good time to point out that all members and visitors should ensure that they have adequate vehicle, personal belongings and public liability insurance. The golf club cannot be held responsible for this.

There are three areas where you can park. This is at your own risk and please be courteous and leave your car so that no other person will be inconvenienced. Remember too that the club will have deliveries and collections so please do not obstruct the bar, professional shop or green keeping areas.

There are two marked areas for disable parking and these must be left for holders of the 'Blue Badge'.

Access to the clubhouse is made through either the main entrance near the smaller car park or the rear entrance behind the professional shop. Members use their key fobs whilst visitors may either ring the bell by the main entrance or ask at the professional shop for the daily code. In the interests of security please do not 'wedge' open any doors.

Once inside the clubhouse please familiarise yourself with the fire exits and extinguishers. In the event of a fire raise the alarm by using the whistles provided.

Playing Golf

En route to your starting tee (there are four, 1st, 6th, 9th & 15th) take care not to strike vehicles with your bag, trolley or buggy. Be aware of others already on the course and use the pathways provided and do not cut across fairways.

Mid Herts is a traditionally constructed heathland course. There are natural changes in levels and some are man made. The man made changes are mostly by the teeing areas, here we provide steps made from sleepers. Whilst we cover some areas of the steps with non slip material, care must always be taken when using them, especially in wet or icy conditions. On natural slopes you must also take great care in poor conditions. It would be unreasonable to expect the club to monitor conditions every hour of every day. We expect

players to exercise commonsense, again, if you are unhappy with any situation, please report this to the General Manager.

The Etiquette of Golf, as laid down in the Rules of Golf, demands that all players are aware of their surroundings and other people on the course. Players must not play a shot if there is any danger of either their club or ball striking any other person; this includes staff working on the course, other players or any other person walking on the course. If there is any doubt that others are in range – WAIT! Abuse of this may lead to disciplinary action.

Golf is not a perfect game and sometimes balls will be struck off the line intended. It is usual for the player or his partners to signal a warning by a shout of 'FORE'. This should be done even if you cannot see any apparent danger.

Around the course there are the usual paraphernalia associated with the playing of the game, items such as Tee Markers, Distance Markers, Flagsticks, Rubbish bins, Fences, Ropes, Signage, Machinery and other miscellaneous items are in constant use around the course. Please be aware of these and take all due care and attention. We do not use anything here that is not in common use throughout the world of golf.

Buggies

When using motorised 'ride on' buggies, you are expected to do so in a responsible and safe manner to a standard commensurate with the driving of a car on the public highway. Pedestrians have priority at all times.

Walkers

There are rights of way throughout the golf course. Whilst walkers should be aware that they are on a golf course, they may be unfamiliar with the way the game is played and the distance and trajectories that a golf ball might travel. Keep an eye out for them and allow them priority so that they can readily reach a 'safe' area.