

Working in Water Training for Surveying

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In the middle of last year I attempted to contact a couple of water safety training companies with a view to obtaining some bespoke working in water training for our staff. We have been surveying watercourses on a weekly basis and throughout our careers have never had formal safety training in this regard. Unfortunately nobody got back to me from those companies and it wasn't until early this year that a chance encounter on Twitter brought it back on my radar. Blueprint Water Safety followed my Twitter account and I immediately recognised the opportunity to utilise their services, following a couple of phone calls a *DEFRA accredited Module 2 Water Awareness and First Responders* training session was arranged for February. We all met up at Nene Whitewater Centre and had a very informative class room session with Adrian "Jumper" Cross. Later, we all geared up in for a session on the whitewater course. We went through various scenarios including techniques for movement in shallow and swift water and the role of first responders. In addition to the mandatory items covered we also wanted to prove the safety of our "float tube" or "floating chair". We have been using this device for infilling bed levels across small areas of deeper water where wading would not be safe and the provision of boat would be difficult. The whitewater course certainly proved the safe nature of the float tube with a couple of runs down the course showing its stability under all conditions including going over a large weir structure. The trainers at Blueprint Water Safety have given our float tube their seal of approval and we will continue to use it for small water courses where the flow is slow enough to allow good control (nothing like the conditions we tested it on!). Please take a look at the the video to see the float tube in action and note how stable it remains!



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