

# Drownings in the U.K., 1993

## BY ACTIVITIES/BEHAVIOUR

Angling		In Vehicles	23
Professional	8	Swimming	22
From Land	18	Playing	12
From Boat	2	Canoeing	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	Rescue	6
Fell in	54	Cycling	5
Boating	27	Dive in	4

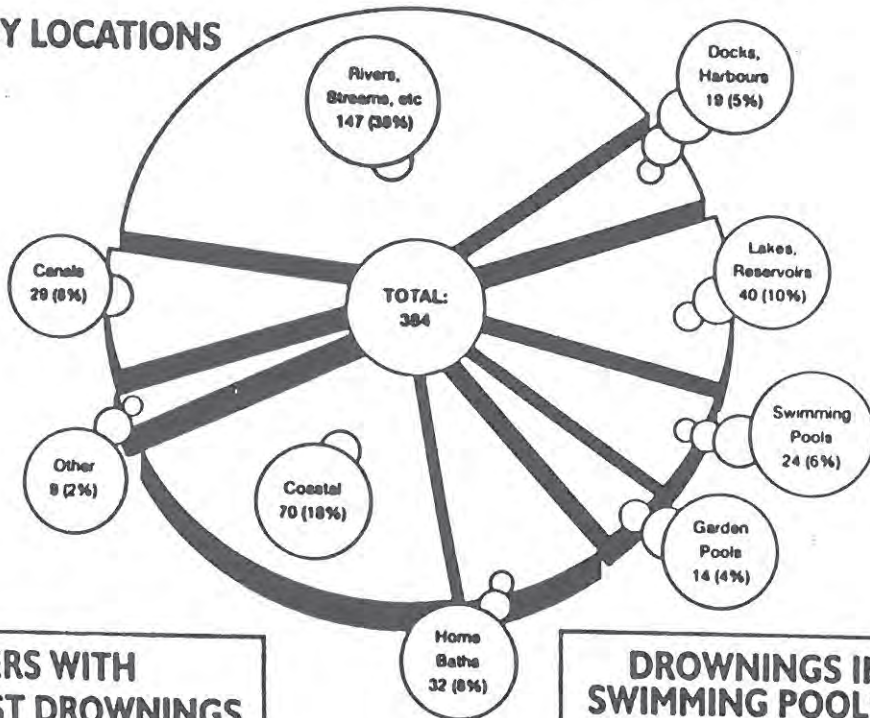
1993 saw a dramatic fall in the drowning total to 384, giving the **LOWEST EVER RECORDED**. The previous lowest total was 448 in 1991. Over the long term this figure continues the downward trend.

The most significant drop was amongst the adult population. The poor weather during the summer was undoubtedly a factor in bringing about this decline, but it was also down to increased awareness of the risks of open water swimming. This activity, which normally accounts for a large proportion of drownings in lakes, rivers, canals etc was actually 34% down on the previous year's total. It is interesting to note that more people drowned in vehicles than whilst swimming.

However, males in the 15-25 age range are still the highest drowning group. The 0-5 age group also remains stubbornly high and actually showed a slight increase on the previous year.

Whilst the 5-15 age group increased from 24 in 1992 to 26, it still remains the lowest drowning group.

## BY LOCATIONS



## RIVERS WITH MOST DROWNINGS

Thames	20	Nidd	4
Severn	5	Medway	4
Trent	5		

## DROWNINGS IN SWIMMING POOLS

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>	Public	11
		Home	8
		Private	8
		Unknown	1

