

Site risk assessment record

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Oxfordshire



Location: Haymill Valley	Date of assessment: 18/05/2018	Nearest postcode: SL2 2NN	Main entrance OS Grid Ref : SU 94164 82085
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Hazards/hazardous events	Who is affected?	Typical outcome	Precautions	Risk Level LxH=RL
Abusive/dangerous people	Public. BBOWT workers	Verbal/physical abuse/mugging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep paths and sight lines open to minimise the use of the site by such people. Avoid approaching anyone suspicious. Inform staff/police of illegal or suspicious activities. If lone working, phone 'buddy' upon arrival, when leaving the site and every hour in-between. During any visits led by education staff an additional staff member should be available to avoid any lone working situations occurring. 	Unlikely x very harmful = moderate
Uneven ground due to roots, stones, holes and muddy paths causing slips, trips or falls. Some steep slopes.	Public. BBOWT workers	Bruises, sprains, minor cuts and grazes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain path surface. Limit access near steep banks. Maintain steps. 	Likely x Slight harm = slight
Thorny bushes along paths and in work areas.	Public. BBOWT workers	Cuts and grazes. Infections. Puncture wounds, eye damage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure paths are kept clear. Provide safety glasses if working in thorny area. 	Likely x harmful = moderate
Falling dead wood in the form of either branches or trees.	Public. BBOWT workers	Head injuries, broken limbs, cuts and bruises.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conform to COP 31 and carry out tree safety assessments and remedial work required. Areas used/worked in are to be checked for dangerous trees. No work should be carried out in high winds. 	Unlikely x harmful = slight
Irritable and poisonous plants such as berries and fungi.	Public. BBOWT workers	Poisoning from ingestion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not eat fungi, berries or other plant material. Wash hands after handling such material. 	Unlikely x very harmful = moderate

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Stings from bees, wasps or hornets.	Public BBOWT workers	Allergic reaction to stings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be aware of any nests close by and do not get too close. All volunteers / staff should declare any known allergic reactions. 	Unlikely x harmful = slight
Dog faeces.	Public. BBOWT workers	Stomach upset from bacteria in faeces. Toxocarias (an infection of the round worm <i>Toxocara cani</i>). Young children are at particular risk due to their weaker immune systems and greater chance of exposure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear gloves if likely to come in contact with faeces. Wash hands before eating. 	Likely x Slight harm = slight
Litter/flytipping/abandoned vehicles	Public. BBOWT workers	Cuts, infections.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use gloves/litterpickers when collecting rubbish and strong bags. Do not overfill. Contact staff if needles or syringes found, for advice on disposal in sharps containers. Inform staff if abandoned vehicles present on site. 	Unlikely x slight harm = minor
Water bodies.	Public. BBOWT workers	Drowning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to water bodies to be discouraged. Route path away from edge of water body. Refer to CoP 32 and water feature risk assessment. Carry out additional assessment should conditions change. 	Unlikely x very harmful = moderate
Soft ground, water in reedbed.	Public. BBOWT workers	Bruises, sprains, minor cuts and grazes. Drowning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit access to reedbed. Do not work in reedbed alone. Be aware of conditions underfoot. 	Unlikely x very harmful = moderate
Contact with (polluted) water.	Public. BBOWT workers	Weil's disease (Leptospirosis).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cover cuts and abrasions and wash hands after contact with water. If flu like symptoms develop within 3-19 days after contact with water visit doctor and inform of the possibility of Weil's disease. 	Unlikely x very harmful = moderate
Vehicle safety	Public. BBOWT workers	Damage to/theft of property.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicles have been damaged or broken into whilst parked on neighbouring streets. Ensure valuables are removed from the vehicle and that contents of the vehicle are not on display, when visiting the site. 	Unlikely x harmful = slight

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Board walk and bridge	Public. BBOWT workers	Bruises, sprains, minor cuts and grazes. Possibly broken bones.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regularly check steps and boardwalk and condition, including timber, wire and handrails. Repair as necessary. 	Unlikely x harmful = slight
Risk of arson attack/fire in reedbed during summer months	Public. BBOWT workers	Burns, smoke inhalation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous recorded incidents. Access to reedbed to be limited. Water levels to be maintained to improve damp conditions. 	Unlikely x harmful = slight

Nearest telephone (landline): Neighbouring houses	Emergency telephone number 999 or 112			
Nearest A&E department: Wexham Park Hospital, Wexham, Slough, Berkshire, SL2 4HL Tel: 01753 633000	Type of access for emergency services (delete as appropriate) Pedestrian Air	Access point/route for emergency services from road: Pedestrian access points from entrances off Whittaker Road, Littlebrook Avenue, Marescroft and Amberley Road. Air ambulance can land on Lammas Meadow north of the reserve.		
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Work identified from site risk assessment	By whom	Date completed

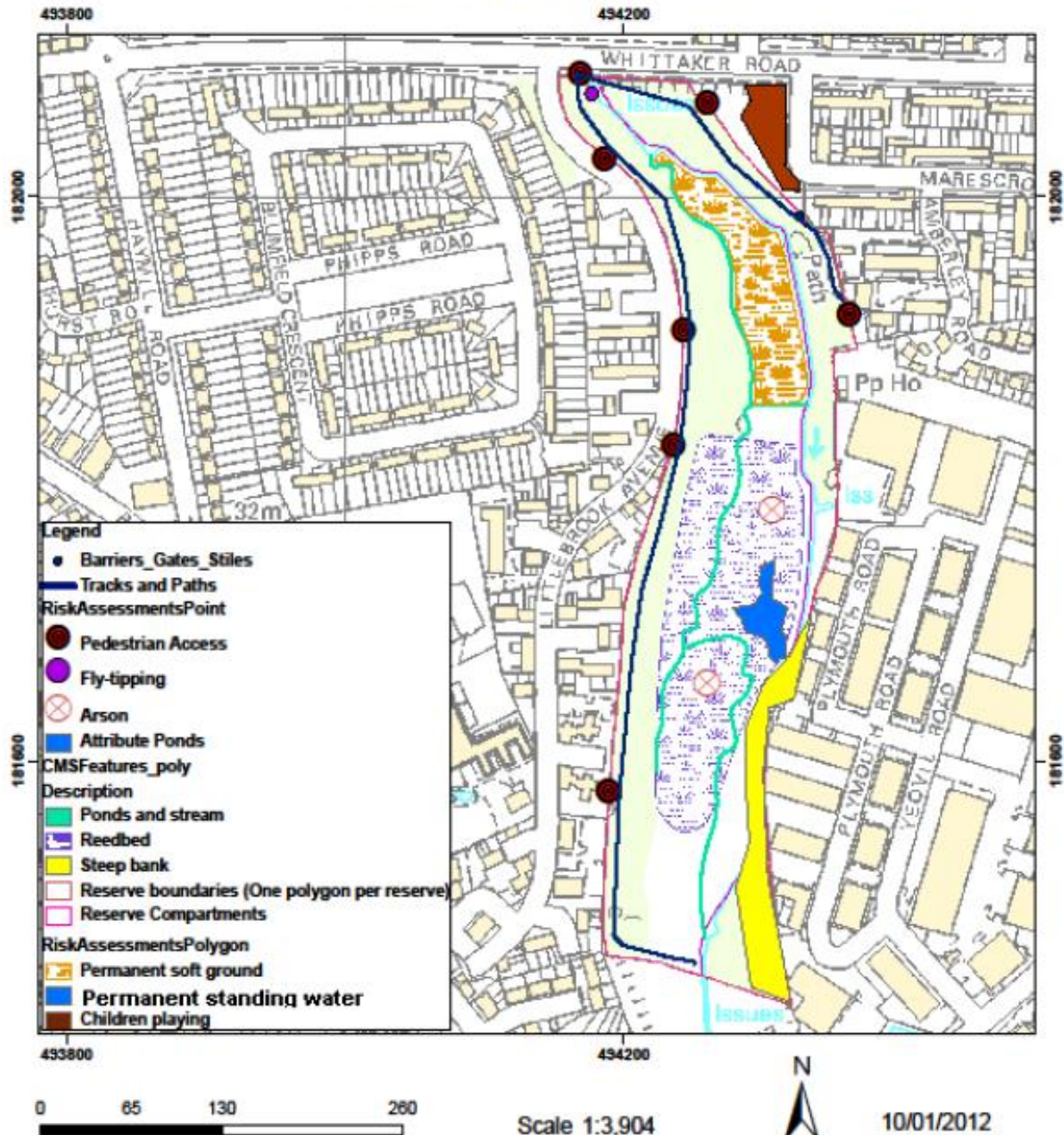
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This checklist is designed to assist in the production of Site Risk Assessments. For those hazards present, more specific information should be provided, e.g. location within site and precautions required entered on SRA form. **This list is not comprehensive. Map is located in reserves office.**

No.	Risk	Present		Recorded on map
1	Steep slopes and banks	yes	no	
2	Drowning risk – deep water [pools, streams, rivers]	yes	no	yes
3	Fall hazards – rock outcrops, buildings, building foundations	yes	no	
4	Areas liable to flooding	yes	no	
5	Areas of permanent soft ground	yes	no	yes
6	Areas of soft ground following rain	yes	no	
7	Uneven path / track surfaces	yes	no	yes
8	Uneven ground	yes	no	
9	Remote areas	yes	no	
10	Dry weather fire hazard – heath, scrub, grass	yes	no	yes
11	Sun exposure – poor shade - burn / dehydration	yes	no	
12	Site used for walking [Inc dogs]	yes	no	
13	Children playing	yes	no	
14	Site used for horse riding	yes	no	
15	Site users include people with mobility problems	yes	no	
16	Site history of abuse [drunks, vandals, drugs, needle stick injury]	yes	no	
17	Site history of staff and/or volunteer intimidation	yes	no	
18	Fly-tipping	yes	no	
19	Unauthorised and/or authorised shooting [i.e. poaching/stalking]	yes	no	
20	Unauthorised vehicles [cars and motorbikes]	yes	no	
21	Difficult or restricted access / egress [esp. for heavy plant]	yes	no	
22	Authorised vehicles	yes	no	
23	Areas inaccessible to vehicles	yes	no	
24	Former landfill site	yes	no	
25	Proximity to public highway	yes	no	
26	Proximity to Public Rights of Way	yes	no	
27	Overhead service lines	yes	no	
28	Underground service lines	yes	no	
29	Barbed wire	yes	no	
30	Personal hygiene facilities	yes	no	
31	Poisoning from blue / green algae	yes	no	
32	Exposure to bracken [carcinogenic spores] (see CoP 15)	yes	no	
33	Puncture wounds [blackthorn / hawthorn]	yes	no	
34	Wild parsnip burns	yes	no	
35	Giant hogweed burns (see CoP 15)	yes	no	
36	Poisonous berries	yes	no	
37	Poisonous fungi	yes	no	
38	Standing dead wood	yes	no	
39	Risk of Weils' disease (see CoP 15)	yes	no	
40	Site known for wasps	yes	no	
41	Site known for bees	yes	no	
42	Site known for hornets	yes	no	
43	Site known for adders	yes	no	
44	Site known for stray dogs	yes	no	
45	Site known for ticks [Lyme disease] (see CoP 15)	yes	no	
46	Site known for allergens [pollen / spores]	yes	no	
47	Injury to pregnancy – exposure to lambs [listeria, chlamydia]	yes	no	

Haymill Valley Hazard Map

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