

Site risk assessment record

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Location: Kintbury Newt Ponds	Date of assessment: 18/05/2018	Nearest postcode: RG17 9XR	Main entrance OS Grid Ref : SU 387 663
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Hazards/hazardous events	Who is affected?	Typical outcome	Precautions	Risk Level LxH=RL
Uneven ground due to roots, stones and muddy paths causing slips, trips or falls	Public. BBOWT workers	Bruises, sprains, minor cuts and grazes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warn of uneven ground to group. 	Likely x Slight harm = slight
Thorny bushes along paths and in work areas.	Public. BBOWT workers	Cuts and grazes, Puncture wounds, eye damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure paths are kept clear. Provide safety glasses if working in thorny area. 	unlikely x harmful = slight
No PROW but formal permissive paths on site, the rest of the site is open access	Public. BBOWT workers	Injury to passer by from conservation work taking place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warn people working on site and put up suitable signs when work is being done. 	Unlikely x slight harm = minor
Dead branches in trees. – risk of falling down	Public. BBOWT workers	Head injuries, cuts and bruises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conform to COP 31, Tree safety assessment and any areas worked in are to be checked for dangerous trees. No work should be carried out in high winds. 	Unlikely x harmful = slight
Proximity to highway	BBOWT workers (incl contractors) motorists	Injury from contact with vehicles, or causing RTAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No work carried out by staff with a chance of impacting on the highway, use only certified contractors. 	Unlikely x very harmful = moderate
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
Grazing animals are present at certain times during the year	Public BBOWT workers	Contact injury incl crushing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advice notices posted by access points, keep dogs on leads. Only stock accustomed to public used. 	Unlikely x harmful = slight
Barbed wire fences	Public BBOWT workers	Scratches, entanglement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check fences are in good condition. 	Unlikely x slight harm = minor

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Livestock and/or wild animals' (incl rats') dung/urine, and dirty water may be present with the possibility of water borne disease	Public BBOWT workers	Illness with leptospirosis (Weil's disease)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inform workers or groups to practice good personal hygiene, esp prior to eating. Conform to CoP 15. 	Unlikely x harmful = slight
Ponds are present across the site, varying between shallow and deep, with muddy bottoms	Public BBOWT workers	Falling in, getting stuck, or drowning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise visitors to site of presence of ponds and the need for caution around banks. 	Unlikely x harmful = slight
Old dipping platform with uneven surface	Public BBOWT workers	Tripping, and falling in to pond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise caution around platform. Annual monitoring of condition and remedial action as necessary. 	Unlikely x harmful = slight

Nearest telephone (landline): Inkpen Rd in Kintbury Village (approx 0.5 mile)	Emergency telephone number 999 or 112			
Nearest A&E department: Royal Berkshire Hospital A&E, London Road, Reading, RG1 5AN Tel: 0118 322 7020 Minor Injuries – West Berks Community Hospital Rookes Way, Thatcham, GR18 3AS Tel: 01635 273 300	Type of access for emergency services (delete as appropriate) Pedestrian 2WD 4WD	Access point/route for emergency services from road: Same location as main entrance (above), namely a small cul-de-sac "The Green", with the access track between 2 hedges at the end of the road		
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Work identified from site risk assessment	By whom	Date completed
Carry out tree safety assessments	Reserves staff	annual
Ensure safety notices are posted (livestock grazing, tree work, path works, contractors machinery present, flooding)	Reserves staff/ contractors	
Task/work party leaders convey relevant information to participants	Reserves staff/ leader	

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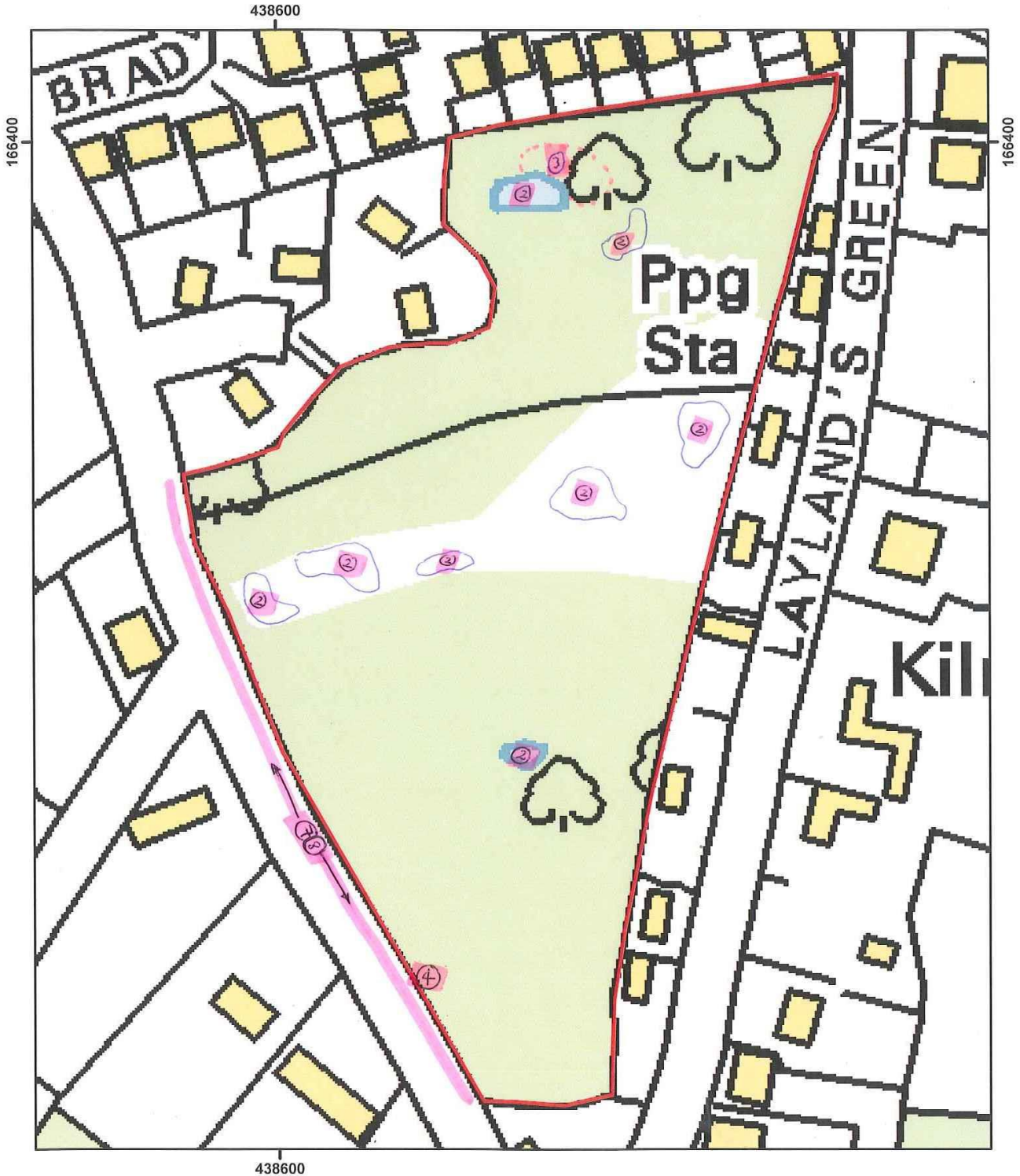
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This checklist is designed to assist in the production of Site Risk Assessments. For those hazards present, more specific information should be provided, e.g. location within site and precautions required entered on SRA form. **This list is not comprehensive.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

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

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