

Site risk assessment record

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Location: Moor Copse (incl extension)	Date of assessment: 18/05/2018	Nearest postcode: RG8 8EY	Main entrance OS Grid Ref : SU 633 738
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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. 	Likely x harmful = moderate
A PROW crosses the site, and there are also permissive footpaths, and a wildlife walk	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 harmful = slight
Dead branches in trees. Dead standing 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
Irritable and poisonous plants such as bracken and Fungi, notably abundant Hemlock water dropwort along most of the river banks.	Public. BBOWT workers	Spores are Carcinogenic Poisoning from ingestion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not work in bracken infested areas in August/September. Do not eat fungi, berries or other plant material. Wash hands after handling such material. 	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
River Pang with muddy and in places overgrown banks. In places the channel is deep, and the current swift	Public. BBOWT workers	Potential for drowning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Path is not routed close to swift/deep channel. Paths are cut to keep them defined and clear of trip hazards. Access to the banks is discouraged, and workers warned. Water safety assessment carried out (CoP 32). 	Unlikely x very harmful = moderate

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Deer Stalking is carried out	Public. BBOWT workers	Fatal injury or alarm caused	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stalker is professionally qualified and operates to industry safety codes. 	Unlikely x very harmful = moderate
When the site floods , the boundaries of the river channels can be obscured, and also ground surface is obscured. Also muddy/contaminated water may be present	Public. BBOWT workers	Potential for drowning or slips, trips etc, and illness from dirty water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In major floods, place signs warning of closure of footpaths, and risk of contamination. 	Unlikely x very harmful = moderate
Coming into contact with people engaged in antisocial behaviour . Sexual activity in and around car park, and illegal fishing on river banks	BBOWT workers	Confrontation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise BBOWT workers not to engage in confrontation unless confident to do so, better to report to police non emergency number 101. 	Unlikely x harmful = slight
Grazing animals may be present in accessible areas of the reserve	Public. BBOWT workers	Injury from contact with animals, risk of illness from contact with dung	<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
Farm machinery may be present at hay making times. Other operations requiring plant may be needed from time to time	Public. BBOWT workers	Injury from contact with large machines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advice notices posted, at times of work. Advise contractors of the possibility of public contact. 	Unlikely x very harmful = moderate
Proximity to highway , along Hogmoor Copse boundary with A340	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
Power lines , do not cross the reserve but tree work on the reserve may affect the lines on the eastern boundary	BBOWT workers (incl contractors)	Electrocution or power cuts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No work carried out by staff with a chance of impacting on the lines, use only certified contractors. 	Unlikely x very harmful = moderate
Access structures – esp bridges, but also gates and boardwalks	Public. BBOWT workers	Slips and trips, or crushing injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor access structures to ensure good condition ie not rotten or handrails sound (if present), and that they open or close properly. 	Unlikely x slight harm = minor
Barbed wire fences around cattle grazed fields	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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Permanently wet ground occurs in one corner of Barton's field (see map)	Public. BBOWT workers	Getting stuck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No path is routed in this area. 	Unlikely x slight harm = minor
Underground AWE wastewater pipeline across arable field	BBOWT workers	Contamination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not dig or trench without prior contact to AWE (see Site file). 	Unlikely x harmful = slight
Cattle, wild animals (incl rats) 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

Nearest telephone (landline): Public payphone in Tidmarsh Village, ¾ mile north along A340	Emergency telephone number 999 or 112			
Nearest A&E department: Royal Berkshire Hospital A&E, London Road, Reading, RG1 5AN Tel: 0118 322 7020	Type of access for emergency services (delete as appropriate) Pedestrian 2WD 4WD AIR All depending on part of site	Access point/route for emergency services from road: Access through layby on east side of A340, 300m north of M4 bridge, (grid reference SU 633 738). Access across the reserve is a combination of metaded surface, hard tracks, fields which are hard when dry but can be muddy, and areas of dense woodland only accessible on foot.		
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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/Volunteer Reserve Warden/leader	

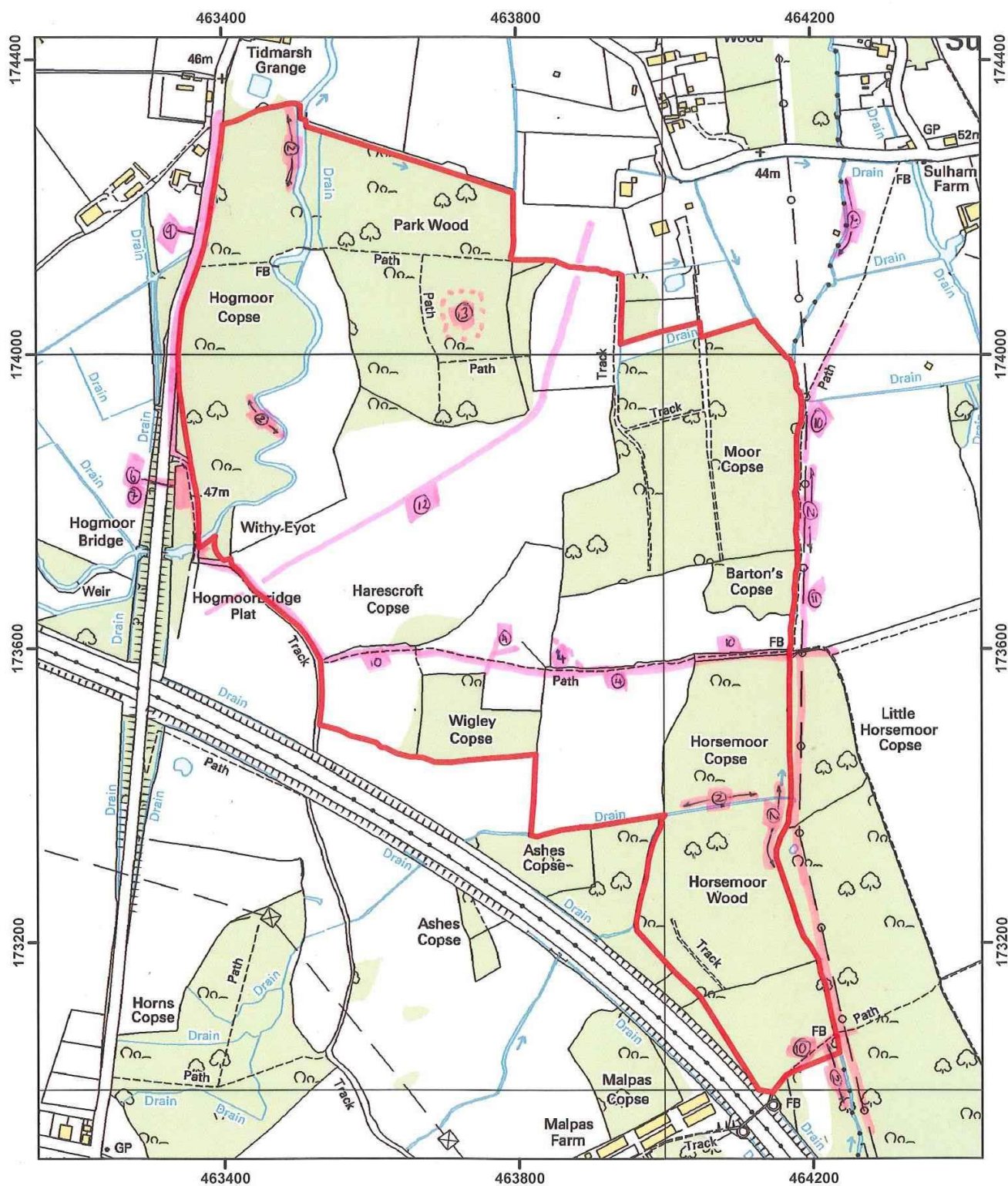
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This checklist is designed to assist in the production of Site Risk Assessments. For those hazards present, more specific information should be provided, e.g. location within site and precautions required entered on SRA form. **This list is not comprehensive.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

No.	Risk	Present		Recorded on map
1	Steep slopes and banks		no	
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		various
5	Areas of permanent soft ground	yes		4
6	Areas of soft ground following rain	yes		All
7	Uneven path / track surfaces	yes		All
8	Uneven ground	yes		All
9	Remote areas	yes		various
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]	yes		6
17	Site history of staff and/or volunteer intimidation		no	
18	Fly-tipping	yes		7
19	Unauthorised and/or authorised shooting [i.e. poaching/stalking]	yes		various
20	Unauthorised vehicles [cars and motorbikes]		no	
21	Difficult or restricted access / egress [esp. for heavy plant]	yes		various
22	Authorised vehicles	yes		various
23	Areas inaccessible to vehicles	yes		majority
24	Former landfill site		no	
25	Proximity to public highway	yes		9
26	Proximity to Public Rights of Way	yes		10
27	Overhead service lines	yes		11
28	Underground service lines	yes		12
29	Barbed wire	yes		all
30	Personal hygiene facilities		no	
31	Poisoning from blue / green algae		no	
32	Exposure to bracken [carcinogenic spores] (see CoP 15)	yes		13
33	Puncture wounds [blackthorn / hawthorn]	yes		various
34	Wild parsnip burns		no	
35	Giant hogweed burns (see CoP 15)		no	
36	Poisonous berries	yes		all
37	Poisonous fungi	yes		all
38	Standing dead wood	yes		
39	Risk of Weils' disease (see CoP 15)	yes		all
40	Site known for wasps	yes		All
41	Site known for bees		no	
42	Site known for hornets	yes		all
43	Site known for adders		no	
44	Site known for stray dogs		no	
45	Site known for ticks [Lyme disease] (see CoP 15)	yes		all
46	Site known for allergens [pollen / spores]	yes		all
47	Injury to pregnancy – exposure to lambs [listeria, chlamydia]		no	

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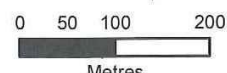
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