

Site Risk Assessment Record

Location: Sydlings Copse and College Pond	Date of assessment: 17/1/2017			Nearest postcode: OX3 9TY Main entrance OS Grid Ref: SU 55875 09581
Hazards/hazardous events	Who is affected?	Typical outcome	Precautions	Risk Level LxH=RL
Uneven ground due to roots, stones, holes and muddy paths causing slips, trips or falls.	Public. BBOWT workers	Bruises, sprains, minor cuts and grazes.	Maintain path surface.	Slight
Thorny bushes along paths and in work areas.	Public. BBOWT workers	Cuts and grazes. Infections. Puncture wounds, eye damage.	Ensure paths are kept clear. Provide safety glasses if working in thorny area.	Slight
Horses. The bridleway is also the right of way track for accessing Sydlings Copse – possibility of horses being scared.	Public. BBOWT workers	Head injuries to the rider, from falling off. Injury to passer by from horse kicking.	When driving on track be aware of horse riders.	Slight
Falling dead wood in the form of either branches or trees.	Public. BBOWT workers	Head injuries, broken limbs, cuts and bruises.	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.	Moderate
Irritable and poisonous plants such as bracken, berries and fungi.	Public. BBOWT workers	Spores are carcinogenic. Poisoning from ingestion.	Do not work in bracken infested areas in July/August/September. Do not eat fungi, berries or other plant material. Wash hands after handling such material.	Slight

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Stings from bees, wasps or hornets.	Public BBOWT workers	Allergic reaction to stings.	Be aware of any nests close by and do not get too close. All volunteers / staff should declare any known allergic reactions.	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.	Wear gloves if likely to come in contact with faeces. Wash hands before eating.	Slight
Water bodies.	Public. BBOWT workers	Drowning.	Access to water bodies to be discouraged. Route path away from edge of water body.	Moderate
Soft ground, water in reedbed/fen. Especially in College Pond	Public. BBOWT workers	Bruises, sprains, minor cuts and grazes. Drowning.	Limit access to fen/reedbed. Do not work in reedbed alone. Be aware of conditions underfoot. Permission from the Trust should be gained before going into College pond and Trust will let people know of the conditions.	Moderate
Contact with water.	Public. BBOWT workers	Weil's disease (Leptospirosis).	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 Weils' disease.	Slight

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Overhead service lines and fuel pipeline	Public. BBOWT workers	Electrocution.	Inform workers of the presence of overhead/underground service lines.	Moderate
Hogweed and wild parsnip	Public. BBOWT workers	Blisters from a photosensitive skin reaction.	Avoid contact with plant especially when cutting. Wear gloves. Keep paths clear of the plant.	Slight
Public highway.	Public. BBOWT workers	Injuries sustained from an impact with a vehicle.	Be extra vigilant when entering and exiting the site from access track. There is a risk to drivers/pedestrians/other road users when pulling on and off the verge, as there are bends in the road, reducing visibility.	Moderate
Deer control used on site	Public, BBOWT workers	Gunshot wound	Inform stalkers to only shoot well away from pathways and aim down on ground. Shoot only early mornings and dusk when less chance of coming across public	Moderate

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Ticks present		Public, BBOWT workers	Contracting Lyme's disease	Wear appropriate clothing to cover the legs. Arm coverings should be cuffed to help exclude ticks. Workers should inspect their skin for ticks when bathing or showering after work. Any tick bites which do not heal at a normal rate, develop an associated rash, or if any part of the tick cannot be removed from the wound, consult a doctor immediately. If symptoms of ill-health follow a bite, also consult a doctor without delay. (COP 15)	Slight
Nearest telephone (landline): SU 465996		Emergency telephone number: 999 or 112		Access point/route for emergency services from road: From Headington roundabout, take Bayswater Road north through Barton; turn left on B4027; after 500m turn down track/Bridleway opposite Royal Oak Farm for 600m (padlock combination 5252). Pass two small woods, reserve on right 100m from Bridleway. Further access onto site is possible by 4x4	
Nearest A&E department: John Radcliffe Hospital , Headley Way, Headington, Oxford, OX3 9DU Tel: 01865 741166		Type of access for emergency services: (delete as appropriate) Pedestrian 4WD AIR			
Assessment undertaken by: Nicole Clough		Position: Oxon Reserves Officer		Manager confirming assessment: Martyn Lane	Date for revision: Jan 2020

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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	
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	
6	Areas of soft ground following rain	yes	no	
7	Uneven path / track surfaces	yes	no	
8	Uneven ground	yes	no	
9	Remote areas	yes	no	
10	Dry weather fire hazard – heath, scrub, grass	yes	no	
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	

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