

Site Risk Assessment Record

Location: Westwell Gorse	Date of assessment: 9/1/2017		Nearest postcode:	Main entrance OS Grid Ref: SP 22084 11371
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
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.	Slight
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
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
Hogweed.	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

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Public highway.	Public. BBOWT workers	Injuries sustained from an impact with a vehicle.	Be extra vigilant when entering and exiting the site. There is a risk to drivers/pedestrians/other road users when pulling on and off the verge, as the road is fast.	Moderate
Sun exposure.	Public. BBOWT workers	Dehydration and sunburn.	Use sun cream, drink plenty of fluids and protect skin by covering with light clothing.	Slight
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): SP224099		Emergency telephone number: 999 or 112		Access point/route for emergency services from road: Site is ¾ mile north of Westwell and 2 ½ miles south west of Burford. Take A40 west from Burford. Turn left onto B4425. After 1 mile park on verge between dry stone wall and farm track on right (soft verge). Further access onto site is possible in 4x4.
Nearest A&E department: John Ratcliffe Hospital , Headley Way Headington, Oxford. Tel. 01865 741166		Type of access for emergency services: (delete as appropriate) Pedestrian 2WD 4WD AIR		
Assessment undertaken by: Nicole Clough		Position: Reserves Officer	Manager confirming assessment: Martyn Lane	Date for revision: January 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		no	
2	Drowning risk – deep water [pools, streams, rivers]		no	
3	Fall hazards – rock outcrops, buildings, building foundations		no	
4	Areas liable to flooding		no	
5	Areas of permanent soft ground		no	
6	Areas of soft ground following rain		no	
7	Uneven path / track surfaces	yes		
8	Uneven ground	yes		
9	Remote areas		no	
10	Dry weather fire hazard – heath, scrub, grass		no	
11	Sun exposure – poor shade - burn / dehydration	yes		
12	Site used for walking [Inc dogs]		no	
13	Children playing		no	
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]		no	
22	Authorised vehicles		no	
23	Areas inaccessible to vehicles	yes		
24	Former landfill site		no	
25	Proximity to public highway	yes		
26	Proximity to Public Rights of Way		no	
27	Overhead service lines		no	
28	Underground service lines		no	
29	Barbed wire	yes		
30	Personal hygiene facilities		no	
31	Poisoning from blue / green algae		no	
32	Exposure to bracken [carcinogenic spores] (see CoP 15)		no	
33	Puncture wounds [blackthorn / hawthorn]	yes		
34	Wild parsnip burns	yes		
35	Giant hogweed burns (see CoP 15)		no	
36	Poisonous berries	yes		
37	Poisonous fungi	yes		
38	Standing dead wood	yes		
39	Risk of Weils' disease (see CoP 15)		no	
40	Site known for wasps	yes		
41	Site known for bees	yes		
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]		no	
47	Injury to pregnancy – exposure to lambs [listeria, chlamydia]		no	

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