**Risk Assessment – Survey Walkovers**

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| .**ACTIVITY ASSESSED** | Wildlife Surveys Walkovers |
| **ACTIVITY LOCATION** | All Survey Sites Agreed |
| **DATE** | 2018 |
| **ASSESSED BY DWT (staff name)** | Louise Valantine |
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| **HAZARD**  **potential for harm** | **CONTROL MEASURES**  **to reduce the risk level** | **RISK LEVEL** |
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| 1. Wet weather: *cold, wet, hypothermia*. | 1. Suitable clothing and footwear to be worn. Layered clothing and a waterproof coat recommended. 2. Shorten route or cancel walk if weather causes problems to visibility or the path surface. 3. Cancel if weather deemed unsafe to continue | Low |
| 1. Car park and roads: *hit by a vehicle*. | 1. Be aware of traffic at all times and own personal safety | Low |
| 1. Fallen leaves and brambles underfoot. Footpath surface and trip hazards concealed from view: *slips, trips and falls.* | 1. Wear appropriate stout footwear. 2. Remain vigilant at all times looking out for hazards | Med |
| 1. Over hanging vegetation including trees: *damage to face, eyes, arms, body* | 1. Remain vigilant at all times so avoid particular hazards | Med |
| 1. Close proximity to water: *drowning, hypothermia slips.* | 1. Ensure that participants follow designated footpath. 2. Ensure emergency contact details are available of nearest hospital and emergency services. 3. Avoid leaning over banksides, working on slippery/muddy banksides etc. | Low |
| 1. 9 Bites and stings from wasps, bees, ants, midges and mosquito causing irritation or anaphylactic shock | **a**  Follow guidance given by the bumblebee conservation society if catching bees  **b** Be vigilant when in close contact with a bee | Med |
| 1. Uneven terrain or footpath surface including stones underfoot: *slips, trips, falls.* | 1. Wear appropriate stout footwear. 2. Remain vigilant at all times looking out for hazards | Med |
| 1. Wet conditions and mud underfoot: *slips and falls, could result in broken bones.* | 1. Wear appropriate stout footwear and suitable clothing. 2. Remain vigilant at all times looking out for hazards | Med |
| 1. Steep gradient to path/cliff drops: *slips, falls, could result in broken bones* | 1. Wear appropriate stout footwear. 2. Alter route of walk if weather conditions make steep gradients overly slippery. 3. Avoid walking under cliff faces, or near to cliff edges. | Low |
| 1. Dead wood in trees *: falling dead wood could result in broken bones, head injury etc* | **a**. Remain vigilant at all times, looking in canopy for dead branches  **b** Alter route of walk if windy weather conditions increase chances of dead wood falling.  **c**  Do not enter wood in very windy conditions | Low |
| 1. Hostile visitors being aggressive | 1. Staff / volunteers advised to remain calm during heated interactions with visitors. Only facts to be given and agree to disagree. Avoid altercations. | Low |
| 1. Dogs/domestic pets | **a** Avoid contact where possible.  **b** Ask owners ,politely, to be responsible for their pets. | Low |
| 1. Lone Working | **a** Always make sure someone knows where you have gone and what time you are due back, so they can raise the alarm if you don’t return | Low |
| 1. Landowner permission | **a** Make sure you stick to public footpaths  **b**  Make sure DWT/BC has landowner permission for the site to be surveyed | Low |

**Emergency Information**

**First Aid Kit present -** Yes

**Mobile Phone –** Yes

**Other useful items:** spare clothes, whistle, survival bag

**Nearest Hospital & Tel:** Royal Derby Hospital 01332 787800