

Generic risk assessment

Location:	Buckenham woods Strumpshaw Parish Council		
Topic:	General site risk assessment		
Training requirements:			
Other pre-requisites:			
PPE:			
Completed by:	AF Tree Warden	Date: 21/02/2024	
Lead Manager reviewer:			

Hazards	Controls	Relevant?	Justification/comments
Slips and trips on countryside footpaths	Annual inspection of footpaths.	Y	New stone access path constructed between car park and benches on western side of glade has replaced mud. Rest of paths are through woodland which may have natural root hazards, undulations and protruding stones. There are some stretches with adjacent steep drops. New sign boards provide a sketch plan showing the approved visitor access routes.
Slips and trips on steps	Annual inspection of steps to ensure treads are fit for purpose	Y	New steps constructed 2022/23 on western slope and central slope.
Injury from falling trees or tree parts	Tree safety inspection regime in place, following current industry best practice	Y	National Tree Safety Group guidelines.
Falling into seasonally wet areas	Access is hindered to wet areas using brash, nettles and bramble.	Y	These are not open, easily accessible village ponds.
Falls from steep drops	The eastern visitor route follows the inside edge and the rim of the former shallow quarry. The former quarry face is steepest and highest in the northern area of the wood.	Y	Discussion current about perceived risk to walkers using eastern path along edge of quarry. The steepest quarry edge in the northern area of the woods has been planted with shrubs and with time will develop into a natural barrier.

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Driving motorised vehicles on site	Gate on to site locked shut. Only authorised people are allowed to drive vehicles on site. Permanent timber signs prohibit motorcycle use.	Y	Key held by BADCOG chair, SPC and Parish tree warden
Riding bicycles on site	If met, visitors are encouraged not to ride bicycles on site.	Y	Pedestrian access does not prevent visitors entering with bikes. New bike stands provided at car park entrance.
Injuries from litter. Contact with dog poo	Permanent dog poo/litter bin provided by SPC and maintained by BDC. Litter regularly picked. Permanent signs prohibit fly tipping.	Y	Much dangerous litter has been removed from site. Previously the site was a council tip and so it must be expected that there may be unforeseen buried or obscured objects. This material is not present on the approved visitor access routes.
Camping, fire and overnight parties	Permanent signs prohibit camping and lighting fires.	Y	Problem in the past. Police were involved.
Unapproved structures	Annual inspection identifies and removes unapproved structures	Y	Insurer recommends this happens Rope swings are common.
Injuries to volunteers when carrying out scheduled tasks	BADCOG and other volunteers work on site following their own established risk assessments and procedures. If other volunteers work on site, a robust task specific RA must be produced for SPC and the task must be dynamically assessed during work by a competent leader.	Y	To be confirmed with volunteer groups before task begins
Traffic accidents near car park	Car park accessed directly from Wood Lane, a busy unclassified road.	Y	SPC arranged with NCC for a ! warning sign as approach from both directions to slow approaching cars. SPC arrange for the woodland edge to be flailed as required to maintain sight lines and space for off road parking.

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Site specific controls. This may include further controls relating to the hazards above or from other hazards such as those listed below: proximity to public, local terrain, use of inexperienced staff or volunteers,	
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Occasional visits to woods by Lingwood Air Scouts for outdoor activities	Strumpshaw Parish Council to maintain contact with Lingwood Air Scouts to satisfy themselves that the leaders are aware of the hazards present on the site from previously tipped materials, water bodies and steep drops.

Any further action required before commencing this activity?		Completed?
Notes	Review annually	

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