

Coldwell

Woodland Area – Risk Assessment



PART A: ASSESSMENT DETAILS			
Establishment:	Coldwell	Names of Persons Undertaking Assessment:	Claire Ansell
Location:	Woodland Area	Signatures:	
Chairperson:	Gordon Salhouse	Date of Assessment:	November 2010
Signature:		Review Date:	November 2011

PART B: RISK RATING/LEVEL ESTIMATION GUIDANCE			
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Likelihood:	Severity:	Risk Level Matrix:	Key
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1	Improbable	1	No or trivial injury/illness	L i k e l i h o o d	5	10	15	20	25		Insignificant
2	Unlikely	2	Minor Injury/Illness		4	8	12	16	20		Low
3	Even Chance	3	3+ Days Lost Time Injury/Illness		3	6	9	12	15		Moderate
4	Likely	4	Major Injury/Severe Incapacity		2	4	6	8	10		High
5	Almost Certain	5	Death(s)		1	2	3	4	5		Intolerable
					1	2	3	4	5	Severity	

PART C: IDENTIFIED HAZARDS						
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Hazard/ Task/ Activity	Type of Harm	Who might be harmed	Pre-Control Risk Rating	Existing Controls	Additional Controls/ Comment	Post-Control Risk Rating
Uneven ground, drainage ditches and tussocks of rough grass	Tripping, stumbling, twisting ankles.	Staff, visitors, participants in any woodland activity.	2 x 2 = 4	Adequate pre-briefing.	These risks are only present once the user leaves the tarmac path giving access to the woodland area. Any person who chooses to participate in any activity in the woodland must accept that these risks exist and that it is not possible or desirable to remove the inherent risk from natural woodland.	2 x 2 = 4
Drainage ditches and boggy ground	Slipping, falling, wet feet.	Staff, visitors, participants in any woodland activity.	2 x 2 = 4	Adequate pre-briefing.	These risks are only present once the user leaves the tarmac path giving access to the woodland area. Any person who chooses to participate in any activity in the woodland must accept that these risks exist and that it is not possible or desirable to remove the inherent risk from natural woodland.	2 x 2 = 4

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Tree branches	Scratching, especially at eye level.	Staff, visitors, participants in any woodland activity.	2 x 2 = 4	Adequate pre-briefing.	These risks are only present once the user leaves the tarmac path giving access to the woodland area. Any person who chooses to participate in any activity in the woodland must accept that these risks exist and that it is not possible or desirable to remove the inherent risk from natural woodland.	2 x 2 = 4
Steep slopes	Tripping, slipping, stumbling, twisting ankles & falling.	Staff, visitors, participants in any woodland activity.	2 x 2 = 4	Adequate pre-briefing.	These risks are only present once the user leaves the tarmac path giving access to the woodland area. Any person who chooses to participate in any activity in the woodland must accept that these risks exist and that it is not possible or desirable to remove the inherent risk from natural woodland.	2 x 2 = 4
Debris on ground	Tripping, stumbling, twisting ankles.	Staff, visitors, participants in any woodland activity.	2 x 2 = 4	Adequate pre-briefing.	These risks are only present once the user leaves the tarmac path giving access to the woodland area. Any person who chooses to participate in any activity in the woodland must accept that these risks exist and that it is not possible or desirable to remove the inherent risk from natural woodland.	2 x 2 = 4
Fallen trees	Tripping, twisting ankle, falling.	Staff, visitors, participants in any woodland activity.	2 x 2 = 4	Adequate pre-briefing.	These risks are only present once the user leaves the tarmac path giving access to the woodland area. Any person who chooses to participate in any activity in the woodland must accept that these risks exist and that it is not possible or desirable to remove the inherent risk from natural woodland.	2 x 2 = 4
Barbed wire	Scratching/cutting	Staff, visitors, participants in any woodland activity.	2 x 2 = 4	Adequate pre-briefing.	Barbed wire exists along the top of the fence running along the right hand boundary as you enter the woodland. The letters on controls fixed to the fence are clearly legible at a distance of several metres away. The fence itself should be given a wide berth.	2 x 2 = 4
Dry stone walls	Crushing	Staff, visitors, participants in any woodland activity.	2 x 2 = 4	Adequate pre-briefing.	The woodland is bounded on 2 sides by dry stone walls. These walls are affected by weather and damage caused by animals in the adjacent field. Occasionally stones can become dislodged. No controls exist outside of the walls and users are advised to avoid coming into contact with them.	2 x 2 = 4
Sheep/cow droppings on tarmac path	Slipping	Staff, visitors, participants in any woodland activity.	2 x 2 = 4	Adequate pre-briefing.	The path is checked and cleaned on a regular basis. The path within the farmer's field is the only area that normally becomes soiled as controls exist to keep farm animals out of the woodland.	2 x 2 = 4

**During the summer months in particular, when the grass is long, some of the above hazards may not be immediately visible.
In the interests of safety please tread carefully – DO NOT RUN**

PART D: ACTION PLAN						
No.	Action Required	Action By	Risk Priority	Projected Time-scale	Date Completed	Notes/Comments
	No action required or desirable	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

The entire area will be checked by Coldwell Staff on at least a monthly basis. Please inform us of any additional hazards you may find.