



The Ernest Cook Trust – Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership – Activity Risk Assessment



Site Farmland (incl. livestock)				Compiled by and date:	AC 25/07/18	Checked by:	SD 19/11/19
				Reviewed by and date: AC 05/01/2022			
Who is at risk?	Pupils? Yes	Visitors? Yes	Staff? Yes	Other risk assessments relevant	Fields and paths RA, Forest school and bush craft RA, School field trips RA		

Hazard	Risk Rating		Control measure (reference to other relevant documents)	Residual Risk	
	Likelihood	Severity		Likelihood	Severity
Barbed wire and electric fencing	M	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make groups aware of barbed wire and electric fences where applicable, and to avoid touching or reaching for fences if they slip. 	L	M
Farm machinery and car parks	M	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep children away from farm buildings or agricultural machinery and car parks make aware of the potential to encounter moving vehicles on farms tracks and roads Participants supervised by visiting adults at a ratio appropriate to the age and experience of the group. 	L	H
Livestock – (kicks, trampling, bites, butts)	M	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid contact with farm animals unless in strictly controlled situations (secure pens). Children should never stand directly behind livestock. Ensure that groups are reasonably quiet and well ordered when passing through fields of farm animals. Wash hands or use sanitizer before eating. Take great care when crossing fields with larger livestock leader should cross the field first to assess the situation. If animals are considered too dangerous, the route should be changed. Stroking animals must only be permitted if permission given, where animals in question are known to be placid, and in a strict controlled situation, where 	L	H



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			<p>there is a clear barrier between the animals and the group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm animals should not be fed unless the animal(s)' owner gives their express permission. 		
Anaphylactic reaction from insect stings (wasps, bees in particular) or contact with farm animals	L	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep away from known or visible hives and nests - divert from route if necessary. • Animals should not be touched unless give permission, and not before eating. • Children with known allergies must not touch livestock. • EpiPens must be carried if anyone (child or adult) has one prescribed. 	L	H
Slips, trips and falls	H	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group briefed at the beginning of the visit to make aware of the risks from uneven ground and wet or slippery surfaces. • Behaviour monitored and managed by visiting adults throughout the visit to encourage safe and sensible conduct. • All participants should wear stout footwear. 	L	L
Ticks	M	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking routes avoid areas of long vegetation favored by ticks. • Participants advised to keep arms and legs covered. • Any person with a tick bite should be made aware of the possibility of Lyme Disease and seek medical advice on tick removal and aftereffects. 	L	M
Meeting unfamiliar adults/Unauthorised site access	M	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group made aware of ECT staff/ other organisation staff/ contractors working in the area and/or other groups using the same location. • ECT Officers clearly identifiable by uniform. • Access to areas used by visiting groups is limited; participants made aware where public access to a location is permitted. • Participants supervised by visiting adults at a ratio appropriate to the age and experience of the group. 	L	M



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