

Steeple Woodland Project - Risk Assessment for volunteer sessions

Location: Steeple Woodland Nature Reserve Updated: 11.08.18

Risk	Risk probability	Risk Severity	Mitigation	Comments
Tool use	medium	medium	Appropriate training will be given prior to session	
Mine shafts - falls	low	severe	Fencing and/or walls around all known mine shafts	The site has been extensively surveyed in the past
Sunburn	High in summer months	low-medium	Hats and sunscreen advised	
Uneven paths – trips and falls	high	Low/medium	Common sense First aid available	Attendees will generally expect uneven paths on a nature reserve and wear appropriate footwear
Thorns/stings	high	low	As above	As above
Adder bites	Very low	Medium/high	First aid available	Adders are a rare occurrence on the site and will retreat at minimal disturbance.
Fire - burns	Low	Medium/severe	Fires will be carefully managed	Fire brigade to be notified
Wild fire - burns	Very low	severe	Session leader will give good warning. Numerous escape routes	
Falling branches	Low	severe	First aid available Woodland walks will be avoided in high winds	Few mature trees in vicinity of main event site
Broken glass/metal - cuts	Medium	low-medium	Volunteers to keep eye out for such hazards	First aid kit available