



Risk Assessment Form

Activity: **Pond Dipping**

Date of Assessment: **23/03/2021**

Name of Assessor: **John McKean**

This activity comprises of using Whitwell Hall Country Centre’s purpose built pond in the wildlife garden, getting groups pond dipping, identifying and discussing their ‘catch’.

**Please refer to the Significant Infection Control Risk Assessment which runs alongside this document **

<i>Significant hazards that may result in serious harm or affect people or the group</i>	<i>Groups or people who are especially at risk from the hazards identified</i>	<i>Existing controls or notes where information may be found, e.g., information, instruction or procedures</i>	<i>Risks that are not adequately controlled & actions that are needed to reduce or eliminate the risks</i>
Refer to sections I, II, III, IV, V & VI of the general risk assessment document	All members of the group		
Falling into the pond.	All members of the group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Dipping only permitted in visible areas. → WHCC staff & group staff to be aware of participants around pond at all times. → Wildlife area gate locked or blocked when pond-dipping activity is finished to prevent unsupervised access. → No person allowed to paddle. → Participant number controlled to minimise crowding and slipperiness. 	



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Instruction to group always includes the rule of being on one knee when dipping the net into the pond → Keep the path and pond dipping area clear. 	
Person being hit with pond dipping net.	All members of the group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → WHCC staff to make clear within initial instructions that nets are not to be carried over shoulders or used as walking sticks & have two ends. 	
There is a risk of water borne disease contraction.	All members of the group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Groups should be made aware that open cuts must be covered & made water proof other wise will not be allowed to participate → Hands washed immediately after activity 	