



# Risk Assessment Form

Activity: **The Meadows**

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

Name of Assessor: **John McKean**

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

<i>Significant hazards that may result in serious harm or affect people or the group</i>	<i>Potential Hazards</i>	<i>Existing controls or notes where information may be found, e.g., information, instruction or procedures</i>	<i>Further Controls</i>
<p>The estate has a couple of large meadow areas that have the River Blackwater running through them. These meadows are grazed by livestock and are used for a variety of activities both led by WHCC staff while also being used recreationally by both education &amp; private groups staying at the Whitwell Hall Country Centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ <b>Stream</b></li> <li>→ <b>Livestock</b></li> <li>→ <b>Disease</b></li> <li>→ <b>Slips, Trips and falls</b></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Stream</b></p> <p>→ Although most of the stream is very shallow and can be walked in with wellington boots on, as with any water there is a potential risk of drowning as well as finding unexpected deep pools</p> <p>→ There is a risk of Weil's disease being contracted from the water</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Stream</b></p> <p>→ Group staff/leaders discretion on how groups are supervised when walking by the stream or exploring the meadows</p> <p>→ Groups should be briefed on the dangers of water, regardless of its depth.</p> <p>→ Group leader's vigilance required to check if any group members have open cuts when interacting with the stream or any other water body on site.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Stream</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Leaflets</li> <li>→ Group staff/leaders</li> <li>→ WHCC staff</li> </ul>



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	<p>→ <b>Livestock</b> There is a risk from the sheep that graze the meadows on the estate.</p> <p>→ <b>Disease</b> Where animals have been grazing on the meadows, excretia will be present – this has a disease hazard.</p>	<p>→ All group members should wash hands after contact with any water body on the estate.</p> <p>→ <b>Livestock</b> Only passive breeds to be put on the meadows to minimise risk.</p> <p>→ All groups instructed to wash hands before eating after being on the meadows;</p> <p>→ <b>Disease</b> All groups instructed to wash hands after being on the meadows;</p> <p>→ WHCC staff available for groups to explain appropriate behaviour &amp;</p>	
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	<p>→ <b>Slips, Trips and Falls</b> There is a tripping &amp; slipping hazard on the meadows due to the uneven ground</p>	<p>precautions when going onto the meadows</p> <p>→ Any stock with diagnosed bad health problems to be removed from the meadows without delay</p> <p><b>Slips, Trips and Falls</b></p> <p>→ Groups instructed to take care on the meadows as the nature of countryside areas such as this is uneven ground</p>	
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