

Gallowsfield Wood Risk Assessment April 2024

Activity	Identified Hazards	Uncontrolled Risk Rating	Who Could Be Affected?	Actions Taken to Minimise or Eliminate Hazard	Controlled Risk Rating	Residual Hazard or Risk	Further Action Required?	Further Action – How, When Whom?
Maintenance activities by volunteer working parties								
General clearance and tidying	<p>Cuts, bruises and falls</p> <p>Damage to eyes from protruding vegetation</p> <p>Injuries caused by usage of equipment</p> <p>Injuries to children</p>	High 8	Any volunteer (including children)	<p>Require participants to wear appropriate protective clothing (including gloves and goggles if necessary).</p> <p>Activities to be organised and supervised by a member of the management group.</p> <p>All children should be supervised by a responsible adult</p> <p>Have in place a defined emergency procedure (first aid, contact of emergency services etc)</p>	Small 4	<p>Lack of concentration or adherence to instruction, by participants.</p> <p>Unavoidable accidents</p>	Emergency contacts are provided on the notice board - but a more defined procedure, especially re first aid, is probably required	Management group TBC
Chainsawing	Injuries caused by chainsaws or falling wood	High 9	Any chainsaw operator	A group of operators have been identified who have all undergone basic chainsaw training	Medium 5	<p>Lack of adherence to trained procedures</p> <p>Unavoidable accidents</p>	Regular monitoring and activity specific risk assessments	
Maintenance activities by third parties								

Grass cutting Tree maintenance	Uninsured contractors Unintended damage to site Injuries to other site users (including pets)	High 8	Contractors and their staff Members of the general public (and their pets)	Evidence of appropriate insurance to be produced Contractors to have their own risk assessments in place (which reflect the fact that the site is accessible to the public) Contractors to comply with an agreed schedule of work	Small 3	Non compliance with agreed procedures	Regular monitoring	Management to monitor and review contractors' work
Recreational usage (working party supervised)								
General site awareness Wildlife and nature monitoring / viewing General leisure or entertainment events (e.g. BBQs)	Slips, trips and falls	Medium 5	Members of the general public (and their pets)	Establish some defined open areas and access routes, which should be kept mown Equipment, and other trip hazards must be put away on completion of use. Warning notice to be put on noticeboards that visitors use the site at their own risk.	Medium 4	Unavoidable accidents Careless usage / behavior	Warning notices to be posted	
Recreational usage (third parties)								
Usage by organised parties (e.g schools, scouts) Events organised by private parties / individuals	Slips, trips and falls Lack of appropriate insurance Lack of activity specific third part risk assessment	Medium 7	Those participating in the events Members of the general public	Evidence of appropriate insurance to be produced and indemnity document to be signed.	Small 3	Unavoidable accidents Careless usage / behavior	Monitoring post usage	Management group
General recreational usage								

General usage (walking, dog walking, etc)	Slips, trips and falls Engagement in specifically prohibited activity (cutting down trees, damaging site etc.)	Medium 5	All users	Publish basic rules and usage information (on noticeboards and on website) Warning notice to be put on noticeboards that visitors use the site at their own risk.	Small 3	Unavoidable accidents Careless usage / behavior	Regular monitoring	Management group
Health and safety								
Trees	Falling trees or branches causing injury Fallen trees or branches blocking paths	Medium 4	All users	Visual checks to be done following high winds Fallen branches removed from paths Program of regular thinning (approx 5 year rotation) to encourage healthy tree growth and remove damaged or diseased trees	Small 2	Unavoidable accidents	Continue doing visual checks	Management group
First aid	Lack of qualified first aiders in the event of injuries at working party supervised events	Medium 5	Participants in events	No action taken thus far, other than posting emergency contact details on noticeboards	Medium 5	Risk remains	Management group needs to consider what action to take, or whether this is an acceptable risk	Management group