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Risk Assessment

Work Area being Assessed:	The Main Paddock Area
Description of the Work being carried out:	This Risk Assessment has been carried out to identify the risks associated with the area. The Main Paddock is the area which is used by visitors, staff and volunteers most frequently. The area consists of a children’s play area, which includes a children’s playhouse and small climbing set with slide as well as a children’s water table, a collection of picnic benches, a main office for staff/volunteers, a feed storage area, COSHH Cabinet, a gated enclosure, a stable enclosure, a rear children’s play area, chicken coop and hand washing area. The perimeter of this area has a naturally fed stream behind it which is used to supply water to the Duck enclosure. Small animals are kept in the enclosure within this area for petting/feeding. The area around the children’s play area is laid with stone chippings, as you move further into the area, there is a slabbed path which leads into the picnic area, wash area and office.

Worker Participant(s):	
Participant Signature(s):	

Reviewed By:							
Date of Review:							

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Electrocution External Wiring Fixtures	Staff/Volunteers, Visitors Persons identified are at risk of electrocution as a result of coming into contact with the equipment	None currently, as the wiring has only recently been installed.	1	5	5	1. Ensure that a Fixed Wiring Testing Schedule is in place for all Fixed Wiring installations	1	5	5	1. L. Naylor / Landlord	1. By next review
Electrocution Internal Fixed Wiring Fixtures	Staff/Volunteers, Visitors Persons identified are at risk of electrocution as a result of coming into contact with the equipment	None currently, as the wiring has only recently been installed.	2	5	10	1. Ensure that a Fixed Wiring Testing Schedule is in place for all Fixed Wiring installations	1	5	5	1. L. Naylor / Landlord	1. By next review
Slips, Trips, and Falls Slabbed Path	Staff/Volunteers, Visitors Persons identified are at risk of sprains, strains, fractures of breaks as a result of falling on raised or uneven slabs	Site Housekeeping is regularly carried out to mitigate the level of risk Written Staff/Volunteer guidance is provided up induction, identifying duties to carry out Site inspections have been set up to monitor housekeeping conditions.	3	4	12	1. Ensure that the site Inspections are being regularly carried out to monitor housekeeping and identify further continuous improvements. 2. Introduce training records to ensure adequate level of housekeeping is carried out by all staff/volunteers	1	4	4	1. L. Naylor 2. L. Naylor / H&S Advisor	1. By next review 2. By next review



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Slips, Trips and Falls Mud/Faeces on walkways	Staff/Volunteers, Visitors Persons identified are at risk of sprains, strains, fractures of breaks as a result of coming into contact with the hazard	Site Housekeeping is regularly carried out to mitigate the level of risk Written Staff/Volunteer guidance is provided up induction, identifying duties to carry out Site inspections have been set up to monitor housekeeping conditions.	3	4	12	1. Ensure that the site Inspections are being regularly carried out to monitor housekeeping and identify further continuous improvements. 2. Introduce training records to ensure adequate level of housekeeping is carried out by all staff/volunteers	1	4	4	1. L. Naylor 2. L. Naylor / H&S Advisor	1. By next review 2. By next review
Slips, Trips and Falls Raised Doorway into the office.	Staff/Volunteers, Visitors Persons identified are at risk of sprains, strains, fractures or breaks as a result of coming into contact with the hazard	Currently no controls in place	4	4	16	1. Install safety signage to identify the hazard	2	4	8	1. L. Naylor	1. Within 1 month of assessment
Slips, Trips and Falls Uneven ground within the enclosure	Staff/Volunteers, Visitors Persons identified are at risk of sprains, strains, fractures or breaks as a result of coming into contact with the hazard	Currently no controls are in place	4	4	16	1. Install safety signage to identify the hazard	2	4	8	1. L. Naylor	1. Within 1 month of assessment
Slips, Trips and Falls Animal Faeces	Staff/Volunteers, Visitors Persons identified are at risk of sprains, strains, fractures or breaks as a result of coming into contact with the hazard	Site Housekeeping is regularly carried out to mitigate the level of risk Written Staff/Volunteer guidance is provided up induction, identifying duties to carry out Site inspections have been set up to monitor housekeeping conditions.	3	4	12	1. Ensure that the site Inspections are being regularly carried out to monitor housekeeping and identify further continuous improvements. 2. Introduce training records to ensure adequate level of housekeeping is carried out by all staff/volunteers	1	4	4	1. L. Naylor 2. L. Naylor / H&S Advisor	1. By next review 2. By next review
Slips Trips and Falls Adverse weather conditions	Staff/Volunteers, Visitors Persons identified are at risk of sprains, strains, fractures or breaks as a result of coming into of the hazardous condition	Site Housekeeping is regularly carried out to mitigate the level of risk Written Staff/Volunteer guidance is provided up induction, identifying duties to carry out Site inspections have been set up to monitor housekeeping conditions.	3	4	12	1. Ensure that the site Inspections are being regularly carried out to monitor housekeeping and identify further continuous improvements. 2. Introduce training records to ensure adequate level of housekeeping is carried out by all staff/volunteers	1	4	4	1. L. Naylor 2. L. Naylor / H&S Advisor	1. By next review 2. By next review
Falling From Height Children climbing on Fences/gates	Visitors Persons identified are at risk of sprains, strains, factures or breaks as a result of the hazardous event	Visitor notices are displayed within the enclosure to advise against the action, as well as advising adults to always supervise minors Volunteers are provided written guidance to supervise and act where necessary	2	4	8	Thought the Risk Rating calls for further action to be taken, it is felt that currently all reasonably practicable action is being taken to mitigate the hazardous event from taking place. This will be monitored and if required, investigated to further reduce the level of risk.					

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Falling From Height Children’s steps up to wash basin	Visitors Persons identified are at risk of sprains, strains, fractures or breaks as a result of the hazardous event	Visitor notices are displayed within the enclosure to advise against the action, as well as advising adults to always supervise minors Volunteers are provided written guidance to supervise and act where necessary	2	4	8	Though the Risk Rating calls for further action to be taken, it is felt that currently all reasonably practicable action is being taken to mitigate the hazardous event from taking place. This will be monitored and if required, investigated to further reduce the level of risk.					
Control of Substances Hazardous to Health COSHH Cabinet	Staff/Volunteers, Visitors Persons identified are at risk of various types of irritation, skin disease or chemical burns as a result of coming into contact with the hazard	All harsh chemicals have been stored in a COSHH Cabinet, which has been identified with suitable signage.	4	4	16	1. Take suitable action to restrict access to items within the cabinet. a. Secure locking device. 2. Carry out suitable COSHH Assessments on all products, ensuring that all MSDS Sheets have been recorded with the COSHH Assessments for medical treatment reference. 3. Provide COSHH Awareness training information for all Staff/Volunteers. 4. Provide suitable PPE/RPE for those competently trained in handling the items	1	4	4	1. L. Naylor 2. H&S Advisor 3. L. Naylor / H&S Advisor 4. L. Naylor / H&S Advisor	1. Within one month 2. Within six months 3. Within six months 4. Upon completion of action 2.
Biological Risks Cows & Calves	Staff/Volunteers, Visitors Persons identified are at risk of contracting the following diseases as a result of coming into contact with the hazard: E. coli O157 - Cryptosporidium - Salmonella - Leptospirosis	Public awareness notices are displayed to advise visitors on the correct practise whilst on site: - Hand washing - Isolation of food/drink - Prevention of contact with face/mouth Hand washing station is provided within the main enclosure with mandatory signage to instruct on hand washing Site map is available to the public to show where suitable hand washing stations are allocated on the site. Staff/Volunteers are provided with guidance to promote/supervise hand washing on site for Staff/Volunteers and Visitors	2	4	8	Though the Risk Rating calls for further action to be taken, it is felt that currently all reasonably practicable action is being taken to mitigate the hazardous event from taking place. This will be monitored and if required, investigated to further reduce the level of risk.					



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Biological Risks Sheep & Lambs	Staff/Volunteers, Visitors Persons identified are at risk of contracting the following diseases as a result of coming into contact with the hazard: - Q Fever - Orf virus E. coli - Cryptosporidium	Public awareness notices are displayed to advise visitors on the correct practise whilst on site: - Hand washing - Isolation of food/drink - Prevention of contact with face/mouth Hand washing station is provided within the main enclosure with mandatory signage to instruct on hand washing Site map is available to the public to show where suitable hand washing stations are allocated on the site. Staff/Volunteers are provided with guidance to promote/supervise hand washing on site for Staff/Volunteers and Visitors	2	4	8	Though the Risk Rating calls for further action to be taken, it is felt that currently all reasonably practicable action is being taken to mitigate the hazardous event from taking place. This will be monitored and if required, investigated to further reduce the level of risk.					
Biological Risks Goats	Staff/Volunteers, Visitors Persons identified are at risk of contracting the following diseases as a result of coming into contact with the hazard: - Q Fever - Orf virus - Cryptosporidium	Public awareness notices are displayed to advise visitors on the correct practise whilst on site: - Hand washing - Isolation of food/drink - Prevention of contact with face/mouth Hand washing station is provided within the main enclosure with mandatory signage to instruct on hand washing Site map is available to the public to show where suitable hand washing stations are allocated on the site. Staff/Volunteers are provided with guidance to promote/supervise hand washing on site for Staff/Volunteers and Visitors	2	4	8	Though the Risk Rating calls for further action to be taken, it is felt that currently all reasonably practicable action is being taken to mitigate the hazardous event from taking place. This will be monitored and if required, investigated to further reduce the level of risk.					

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Biological Risks Chickens	Staff/Volunteers, Visitors Persons identified are at risk of contracting the following diseases as a result of coming into contact with the hazard: - Salmonella - Campylobacter - Avian Influenza	Public awareness notices are displayed to advise visitors on the correct practise whilst on site: - Hand washing - Isolation of food/drink - Prevention of contact with face/mouth Hand washing station is provided within the main enclosure with mandatory signage to instruct on hand washing Site map is available to the public to show where suitable hand washing stations are allocated on the site. Staff/Volunteers are provided with guidance to promote/supervise hand washing on site for Staff/Volunteers and Visitors	2	4	8	Though the Risk Rating calls for further action to be taken, it is felt that currently all reasonably practicable action is being taken to mitigate the hazardous event from taking place. This will be monitored and if required, investigated to further reduce the level of risk.					
Biological Risks Rodents (Rats)	Staff/Volunteers, Visitors Persons identified are at risk of contracting the following diseases as a result of coming into contact with the hazard: Weil's disease (Leptospirosis)	Currently there are no control measures in place	5	4	20	1. It is strongly advised to investigate into humane methods of rodent trapping to prevent contamination	2	4	8	1. L. Naylor	1. Immediately
Biological Risks Waste/Refuse Bins	Staff/Volunteers, Visitors Persons identified are at risk of contracting illnesses through contact with the hazard and its contents	Currently there are no controls in place	5	4	20	1. Remove the hazard from publicly accessible areas to eliminate the level of risk. 2. Provide Public refuse bins at wash stations and picnic areas for correct use. 3. Provide training to staff/volunteers to conduct hand washing when coming into contact with the segregated waste/refuse bins	1	4	4	1. L. Naylor 2. L. Naylor 3. L. Naylor	1. Within a month 2. Prior to completion of Point 1. 3. Immediately



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Biological Risks Smoking/Vaping	Staff/Volunteers, Visitors Persons identified are at risk of biological illnesses as a result of prolonged exposure to second hand fume caused by the hazard	Prohibitionary signage has been implemented to inform staff/volunteers and visitors of the area being smoke-free Public notices provide written information/instruction to visitors on the hazard. Staff/volunteers are instructed to enforce action to prevent the hazard from taking place within the area.	2	4	8	Though the Risk Rating calls for further action to be taken, it is felt that currently all reasonably practicable action is being taken to mitigate the hazardous event from taking place. This will be monitored and if required, investigated to further reduce the level of risk.					
Allergens and Sensitisers Animal dander, hay, straw and dust	Staff/Volunteers, Visitors Persons identified are at risk of allergy related illnesses or anaphylaxis as a result of being exposed to the hazard	Housekeeping is currently carried out in well-ventilated spaces by Staff/Volunteers only currently	4	5	20	1. Carry out Medical Questionnaires for Staff/Volunteers 2. Carry out COSHH Assessments on the identified hazards 3. Provide RPE where identified through Assessments of the hazards and activities 4. Provide training on the correct use of RPE	1	5	5	1. L. Naylor 2. H&S Advisor 3. L. Naylor 4. L. Naylor/H&S Advisor	1. Immediately 2. Within six months 3. Upon completion of Point 2 4. Upon completion of Point 2
Allergens and Sensitisers Feathers or ammonia fumes (chicken coop)	Staff/Volunteers, Visitors Persons identified are at risk of allergy related illnesses or anaphylaxis as a result of being exposed to the hazard	Housekeeping is currently carried out in well-ventilated spaces by Staff/Volunteers only currently	4	5	20	1. Carry out Medical Questionnaires for Staff/Volunteers 2. Carry out COSHH Assessments on the identified hazards 3. Provide RPE where identified through Assessments of the hazards and activities 4. Provide training on the correct use of RPE	1	5	5	1. L. Naylor 2. H&S Advisor 3. L. Naylor 4. L. Naylor/H&S Advisor	1. Immediately 2. Within six months 3. Upon completion of Point 2 4. Upon completion of Point 2
Allergens and Sensitisers Insect Bites or Stings	Staff/Volunteers, Visitors Persons identified are at risk of allergy related illnesses or anaphylaxis as a result of being exposed to the hazard	Qualified First Aiders are on site to assist in primary treatment of those affected	3	5	15	1. Carry out Medical Questionnaires for Staff/Volunteers 2. Amend Site inspections to look for insect nests 3. Provide PPE for those handling waste and other matter	1	5	5	1. L. Naylor 2. H&S Advisor 3. L. Naylor	1. Immediately 2. Within one month 3. Within one month



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Physical Injury Cows and Calves	Staff/Volunteers, Visitors Persons identified are a risk of sustaining serious harm as a result of: - Trampling - Headbutting - Crushing	Larger animals are segregated from visitors to minimise the likelihood of the hazard taking place. Volunteers are given training by a competent person on correct behaviours and correct handling in enclosures with the identified animals.	2	3	6	The organisation feels that the current controls are sufficient					
Physical Injury Goats and Sheep	Staff/Volunteers, Visitors Persons identified are a risk of sustaining harm as a result of: - Butting - Pushing	Volunteers are given training by a competent person on correct behaviours and correct handling in enclosures with the identified animals.	3	3	9	1. Provide adequate training for volunteers to competently identify when action is required to segregate animals from visitors. 2. Implement fully supervised animal interaction sessions led by competently trained staff/volunteers	1	3	3	1. L. Naylor 2. L. Naylor	1. By next review 2. By next review
Physical Injury Chickens	Staff/Volunteers, Visitors Persons identified are a risk of sustaining harm as a result of: - Pecking - Scratching	Handling is carried out and supervised by competent persons.	2	2	4	The organisation feels that the current controls are sufficient					
Physical Injury Handling the Gates	Staff/Volunteers and visitors Persons identified are at risk of musculoskeletal strain injuries as a result of using the hazard	Site inspections are carried out to inspect the conditions of the gates Maintenance is carried out frequently by the site landlord to ensure that they are suitably maintained.	2	3	6	The organisation feels that the current controls are sufficient					
Physical Injury Hot water supply	Staff/Volunteers and Visitors Persons identified are at risk of scald injuries as a result of coming into contact with the hazard	Handwashing of minors is to be fully supervised by parents at all times	3	3	9	1. Cautionary signage to be put into place to raise awareness to the hazard	2	3	6	1. L. Naylor	1. Within a month

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Feeding related injury	Staff/Volunteers and Visitors Persons identified are at risk of the following injuries as a result of the hazardous activity: Nipped Fingers Accidental Bites	Supervision is provided when visitors take part in the activity	2	2	4	The organisation feels that the current controls are sufficient					

Assessed By:	M Davis		
Signature:			
Position:	Health & Safety Advisor		
Date:	13/06/2025	Review Due:	12/08/2025

Likelihood the Hazardous Event will occur	
1	Very Unlikely
2	Unlikely
3	Fairly Likely
4	Likely
5	Very Likely

Severity of the Hazardous Event	
1	Insignificant - no injury
2	Minor - minor injuries requiring First Aid
3	Moderate - up to three days absence
4	Major - more than seven days absence
5	Catastrophic - death

Risk Rating	Action to be taken
20-25	Stop - Stop activity and take immediate action
15-16	Urgent action - take immediate action and stop activity, if necessary, maintain existing controls rigorously
8-12	Action - improve within specified timescale
3-6	Monitor - look to improve at next review or if there is a significant change
1-2	No action - no further action but ensure controls are maintained and reviewed.

