

# Site Risk Assessment – Wildlife Reserve

## Barrow Hill, Acton

### Nearest A&E:

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Nature of Hazard	Harmful Outcome	Groups at Risk	Current Precautions	Risk	Further Precautions
Pond - No water in pond at the time of this assessment.	Falling into pond. Risk of sprains, fractures, or breaks; bruising or abrasion from falling	Volunteers Public	Pond is fenced off.	Medium	No-one should work in or near the pond alone.
Uneven ground	Sprains, fractures, or breaks; bruising or abrasion from falling	Volunteers Public	Suitable footwear with ankle protection to be used. Visual inspection of site prior to commencing work.	Low	
Hazardous plants (e.g. brambles, nettles)	Puncture wounds and infection risk from brambles  Stings from nettles	Volunteers Public	Wear gloves when working with hazardous plants Remove gloves before eating or drinking. Seek medical attention in case of puncture wound to reduce infection risk. Regular maintenance to be carried out	Medium	First aid kit on site in locked container; accessible when voluntary work is carried out.
Long grass	In summer months – potential for ticks that can carry Lyme disease	Volunteers Public	Wear long trousers. Keep to paths or areas of shorter grass during tick season. Check for ticks at the end of the session.	Low	
Trees	Falling limbs	Volunteers Public	Regular inspection and maintenance of trees to ensure they are healthy. No work to be carried out near to trees when there are high winds.	Low	

Animals	Diseases spread by animals Potential for bites	Volunteers Public	Wear gloves. Wash hands after session. First aider on site. Request dogs be put on lead if they are behaving aggressively. Report any incidents to group leader.	Low	
Insect bites and stings	Slips, trips and falls Insect bites and stings – irritation and potential for allergic reaction	Volunteers Public	Suitable footwear with ankle protection to be used. Have first aid kit and first aid trained person on site. Volunteers with known allergies to exercise caution. Volunteers with severe allergies must carry EpiPen and should inform group leader and/or designated first aider.	Low	
Fuel for machinery	Fuel for machinery stored in container could pose a risk if there are naked flames in the vicinity.	Volunteers Public	No more than 30 litres is stored. Signage on container advising fuel stored and fire hazard.	Low	Only authorised members of the Parish Council have access to the container and fuel.

<b>Assessment by: Cllr Le Grys &amp; Abbie Lee (Clerk)</b>	<b>Date assessment presented to the Parish Council: Full Council Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026</b>
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