**Shropshire Ornithological Society 2005**

# Risk Assessment

Site: Wards Coppice, Church Stretton, Shropshire

NGR SO 456929

What3Words (pedestrian gate on track from Clive Avenue\*): remedy.posting.microfilm

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Local Medical Practice: Church Stretton Medical Practice, Easthope Road, Church Stretton SY6 6BL

Nearest A & E: Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Mytton Oak Rd, Shrewsbury SY3 8XQ

Activities: General Clean-Up and Maintenance and Use of Non-powered Hand Tools (Saws, Loppers, Secateurs, Spades etc) for undertaking routine management activities.

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| **Hazard** | **Will Affect** | **Precautions/Controls required to remove hazard, reduce risk level** | **Risk (with controls)** | | | **Additional notes** |
| **L** | **S** | **R** |
| Terrain – slopes, obstacles, uneven ground. Slips, trips, falls. | All | Ensure care is taken on difficult terrain and when damp underfoot. Wear suitable footwear and clothing. | 2 | 1 | 2 |  |
| Hazardous Detritus | All | Take care when clearing the site of litter and broken glass. Wear suitable footwear and gloves. | 2 | 1 | 2 | Broken window glass from hide will be a hazard during initial clean-up of site. Have first aid kit available. Volunteers and contractors may wish to seek medical advice regarding vaccination against tetanus. |
| Use of ladders | All | When installing, maintaining, or checking nest boxes mounted on trees, ensure ladder is securely seated on ground and an assistant is available at foot of ladder to maintain ladder’s stability. Ladder safety training is required for the use of ladders above 3m (10’). | 2 | 2 | 4 |  |
| Inclement weather | All | Dress appropriately and avoid working below trees in the event of thunderstorms or high winds | 1 | 2 | 2 | Cease work at site in the event of inclement weather. |
| Sharp thorns and barbed wire causing scratches and minor puncture wounds | All | Wear suitable gloves and check working area for location of any barbed wire fencing or thorny vegetation | 2 | 1 | 2 | Have first aid kit available. |
| Accidental injury on unattended tool. | All | Store unattended tools safely at a suitable location at the work site | 2 | 1 | 2 | Have first aid kit available. |
| Incorrect use of tool | All | Know correct way to use the tool and ensure it is well-maintained. Wear appropriate gloves (NB when using a bow saw, only wear a glove on the non-sawing hand). | 2 | 1 | 2 | If you are not aware how to correctly use a tool ,don’t use it!  Have first aid kit available. |
| Trip or fall with tool | All | Cover sharp tools when moving to and from the work site.  Do not leaving lying branches and other trip hazards at the work site. | 2 | 1 | 2 |  |
| Falling stems and  branches when cutting | All | Ensure co-workers and other visitors are clear of the immediate working area. | 2 | 1 | 2 |  |
| Fires | All | Site fire at a suitable location away from the working area and where smoke will blow away from the working area. Keep fire to a manageable size and extinguish at the end of session | 1 | 3 | 3 | Fires to burn excess brash must only be started on agreed dates and locations. |

The three columns (L,S,R) are for assessing the level or degree of risk.

The first (L) is for an assessment of the likelihood of the hazard taking place, the second (S) for the severity of the hazard, both based on the following:

(L) LIKELIHOOD

1. Hazard exist very infrequently/ limited numbers exposed
2. Likely to occur; hazard exists intermittently or occurs infrequently
3. Likely to occur soon; permanent hazard or occurs daily/repeatedly; many may be exposed

(S) SEVERITY OF HAZARD

1. Could cause minor injury only
2. Could cause major injury/3+ day’s absence
3. Could cause fatality/severe injury

(R) RISK LEVEL is the product of LxS

Very high risk score 6 or 9 - **Very High Risks Need Immediate Action**

Moderate risk score 3 or 4

Low priority risk score 1 or 2

# Notes

\*The area by the pedestrian entry to the reserve has been selected for the ‘What3Words’ location because an ambulance could reach the location along the track off Clive Avenue.