PROBUS Group walks – risk assessment



Please complete a copy for every walk, and keep this for 1 month after the date of the walk.

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| **Walk Leader** |  | **Date of walk** |  |
|  |  | **Date of risk assessment** |  |
| **Date of recce** |  |

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| **COVID-19 Possible hazards** | **Who might be harmed and how?** | **Ways to control the risk** | **Action taken?** |
| Transmission of COVID-19 through close contact / meeting other people | Walkers, members of the public – risk of spreading COVID-19 | Plan the walk for a less busy time. |  |
| Avoid particularly busy or narrow routes where physical distancing is not possible. |  |
| Give clear information about limiting the group size in line with government guidance. |  |
| Remind walkers beforehand about the guidelines, including on travel & transport ( i.e. minimise car sharing ) | 🞎 |
| Advise walkers at the start of the walk to maintain physical distancing, and what to do at any pinch points or road crossings – this is everyone’s responsibility. | 🞎 |
| Suggest walkers carry face covering in the event of incidents | 🞎 |
| Maintain a record of who attended the walk for contact tracing. |  |
| Transmission of COVID-19 through touching gates, stiles, fences or equipment | Walkers, members of the public – risk of spreading COVID-19 | Avoid touching gates and path furniture, where possible. |  |
| Suggest walkers bring hand sanitiser. |  |
| Advise walkers not to share food, drink or equipment such as walking poles. |  |
| **Other possible hazards** | **Who might be harmed and how?** | **Ways to control the risk** | **Action taken?** |
| Bad weather  (including extreme temperatures) | Walkers – risk of illness and injury, risk of the group being stranded | Check the weather forecast and postpone/cancel if necessary. Advise walkers to bring suitable clothing and items for the conditions. |  |
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| Busy roads | Walkers – risk of vehicle collisions | Avoid routes along busy roads and/or check for suitable crossing places on the recce. |  |
| Steep, slippery or muddy sections. | Walkers – risk of trips/slips | Check for muddy/slippery sections on the recce and adapt the route if necessary. Advise walkers to bring suitable footwear for the conditions. |  |
| Livestock | Walkers – risk of injury  Risk of property damage if livestock escape | Cross fields with livestock calmly and quietly, keeping the group together. Be prepared to divert around livestock if necessary. |  |
| Follow the Countryside Code (England & Wales) and Access Code (Scotland). Leave gates and property as you find them. |  |
| Follow any local warnings or signs, and advise walkers to keep away from the edge. |  |

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