

Woodcote Smallholdings walk

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Hazard	Who might be harmed	How can the risk be controlled	What further action is needed to control the risk
Road crossings	Walkers and road users	Advise walkers to take care Allow people to judge for themselves when it is safe to cross so that they can cross at their own pace	None
Traffic	Walkers and road users	Use pavements where available Advise walkers to walk on outside of blind bend	None
Narrow road, track or path	Walkers	Advise walkers to stand to one side if vehicles approach Anticipate that in the case of eg a vehicle reversing or hedge trimming tractor or dust cart, that the driver may not have seen the walkers so prompt action should be taken and extra caution used in passing the vehicle – ensure driver knows walkers are there before proceeding	None
Rough surfaces underfoot eg kerbs, tree roots	Walkers	Advise walkers to look where they are going and take care	None
Slippery surfaces	Walkers	Advise walkers to be careful on slippery leaves, drain covers etc	None
Overhanging branches and other structures	Walkers	Advise walkers to look where they are going and take care	None
Inclement weather	Walkers	Advise walkers to dress appropriately Leader carries spare waterproof poncho	None
Sun	Walkers	Advise walkers to use sunscreen	None
Heat	Walkers	Advise walkers to bring water	None
Excessive rain, ice, snow, gale etc	Walkers	Advise walkers to take care Be prepared to cancel if too slippery or windy Choose suitable route to avoid obvious mud, ice etc	Use website, sms and/or email to contact walkers
Losing a walker from the group	Walkers	Wherever possible have a leader and back marker to check all walkers are aware of the route and able to complete the walk	None Sufficient walk leaders now trained Walkers walk at own risk
Walker becomes unwell or injured	Walkers	Call for emergency assistance if needed and/or call person's chosen contact where possible	None Some leaders have expressed an interest in First Aid training however this is not a requirement as walkers walk at their own risk
Longer walks	Walkers	In addition to above advice, advise to bring water and a snack Arrange comfort/snack break where possible	None