



**Butterfly  
Conservation**

**PREES HEATH COMMON RESERVE – SITE & ACTIVITIES RISK ASSESSMENT**

<b>HAZARD</b>	<b>RISK</b>	<b>LEVEL</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>
Terrain: Rabbit holes and other burrows, uneven ground, lumps of concrete, ditches around site perimeter	Trips, stumbling and falls	Medium	Awareness of terrain. Exercise caution at all times, and advise people to watch where they put their feet.
Faeces and urine: Rabbit, dog, fox, badger, rat & human	Contamination. Weil's disease	High	Awareness. Advise people to watch where they put their feet. Advise dog owners to clear up dog faeces – dog waste bin provided, and to dispose of any human faeces appropriately. Advise people to wash their hands afterwards.
Litter: Glass, household waste, cans, fly-tipping, syringes, condoms	Cuts, contamination and infection	High	Arrange litter-picking sessions with appropriate PPE and tools. Remove waste & fly-tipping as soon as possible.
People: people with dogs, people with firearms, horseriders, glue-sniffers, drug-takers, motorbikers, travellers	Confrontation, harassment, assault and injury	Medium	Use lone working system. Do not confront people if risk appears significant. Mobile phone. Do not approach people with firearms. Obtain details such as car registration numbers and pass to Police.
Weather: rain, lightning strikes, snow, heat	Hypothermia, lightning strike, sunstroke, dehydration	Medium	Check weather reports. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Use sun cream. Use lone working system. Make water available.
Control Tower: unauthorised access	Falling off roof. Falling plaster and bricks.	Medium	Secure door to deter entry. Drainpipe covers installed to deter roof access.
Insects: bites, stings and allergic reactions	Infection. Irritation leading to risk-taking. Lymes disease. Anaphylactic shock	Medium	Insect repellent. Awareness and appropriate clothing. Barrier creams. First Aid kit. Mobile telephone. Those at risk of anaphylactic shock should notify First Aider and have own EpiPen. Tic remover available. Advise people not to touch insects and caterpillars.

Traffic: A41 & A49 run on perimeter of site, access track	Accident in vehicle or as a pedestrian	High	Awareness of risk. No work to be carried out within 3 metres of roadside unless wearing hi-vis. Signage if working on roadside. Extra care to be taken when crossing main roads. Hi-vis to be worn if directing vehicles on access track.
Plants: Poisonous plants and fungi, dense scrub, thorns and spines	Cuts, splinters, infection	Medium	Wear appropriate clothing and PPE. Good personal hygiene. Advise people to have up-to-date tetanus vaccination.
Trees: falling	Injury to person	Medium	Carry out and record tree risk assessment throughout the reserve annually. Undertake any recommended action as quickly as possible.
Adders (not recorded on site): Bites	Venomous bites	Low	Emergency services to be contacted. Mobile phone.
Pond: Drowning & bacteria	Drowning & infection	Low	Signage in place at two access points advising people not to enter the water. Advise people to clean hands after pond dipping.
Pollen and other causes of allergies: allergic reactions	Allergic reactions	Medium	Asthma sufferers to inform First Aider, and have own medication/ inhaler.
Unexploded ordinance, e.g. small arms ammunition, pyrotechnic flares and practice bombs	Exposure or contact by digging or ploughing	Low	Police to be contacted if any such materials are found.
Scrub control using hand tools	Injuries to hands from thorns, injuries to arms and back from lifting, injuries to head from tree felling	Medium	Gloves to be worn. Advice given of lifting techniques. Hard hats available. Advice given on suitable clothing. Appropriate signage for the public.
Scrub control using power tools – brushcutter, chainsaw	Injuries to all parts of body	High	Operators suitably certified and trained, wearing appropriate PPE and using machinery correctly. Correct distance maintained from others. Appropriate signage for the public.
Burning cut material	Burns. Spread of fire.	Medium	Gloves provided. Advice given on appropriate clothing. Long hair to be held in place. Long handled fork available for placing material on fire. Fire brigade control to be notified of all fires at start and end of session. All flames to be out before site vacated.

Ragwort pulling: toxicity	Injury to hands	Medium	Gloves to be worn. All plant material to be removed from site and disposed of in landfill or burnt.
Seed harvesting by hand	Injury to hands	Low	Advice given on how to remove seeds correctly.
Tree and shrub planting	Injury to back, knees & hands	Low	Advice given on bending and lifting. Gloves to be worn. Kneelers provided.
Pesticide use: toxicity	Poisoning	Medium	Pesticides only to be applied by, or under supervision of in the case of stump treating, a certified operator following correct procedures and wearing appropriate PPE – see appropriate CoSHH risk assessment. Signage to be displayed in appropriate areas.
Litter picking	Injury to hands	Medium	Gloves to be worn. Litter pickers to be used. Special disposal arrangements for very hazardous material (Syringes, condoms).
Marquee: tripping over guide ropes	Injury	Medium	Advise people of hazard.
Barbeque	Burns	Medium	Advise people to maintain safe distance

**Nearest hospitals with A&E:**

Royal Shrewsbury Hospital  
Mytton Oak Road  
Shrewsbury  
SY3 8XQ  
Tel. 01743 261000

Princess Royal Hospital  
Grainger Drive  
Apley Castle  
Telford  
TF1 6TF  
Tel. 01952 641222

For emergency services the location is 'Prees Heath' between the A49 and the A41, just south of the Midway truck-stop. Postcode: SY13 3JY

**Nearest GPs:**

Wem & Prees Medical Practice  
The Grocott Medical Centre  
Whitchurch Road  
Prees  
Whitchurch  
SY13 2DH  
Tel. 01948 840206

Dodington Surgery

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Whitchurch  
SY13 1EN  
Tel. 01948 662033

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