

## Risk Assessment for school visits to the river Pang at Water Mill Bucklebury

All action points in bold type are to be addressed by staff on the day of each visit.

<b>SITE NAME:</b> Bucklebury Water Mill	<b>GRID REF:</b> SU 554 710
<b>OWNER:</b> Mr Gordon Ashman New Barn Farm Bucklebury Berkshire	<b>TEL. NO:</b> 0118 971 2579
<b>ASSESSOR:</b> John Bishop 07803 923842	
<b>NEAREST HOSPITAL:</b> Royal Berkshire, Craven Road, Reading (0118 987 5111), West Berkshire Community Hospital, Thatcham (01635 273300)	
<b>SITE ACCESS FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES:</b> via track leading down from parking area, opposite farm building	

HAZARD	RISK LEVEL Low - high	ACTION
Dangerous trees/branches 1. Oaks close to main section of river	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Low branches which pose hazard to be trimmed back as deemed necessary during checks. Liaise with landowner if appropriate</b></li> </ul>
Risk from site operatives – farmer and others	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Minimal Useage. Warn children of vehicles</b></li> </ul>
Roadside hazard	medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trailer to park off road . Parking is restricted                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Warn children if necessary</b></li> <li>• <b>Adequate supervision</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Trailer needs to turn in Bucklebury Village. JST staff on back of trailer to supervise reversing and look out for traffic</b></li> </ul>
Ground conditions - often uneven, muddy, wet	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adequate supervision and control of children</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advise teachers on appropriate footwear</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Weather conditions – especially relevant given lack of shelter at the site	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>First Aid kit and blanket to be brought along on each visit</b></li> <li>• Provide schools with recommendations for suitable clothing</li> </ul>
River work hazards – inc. risk posed by high banks and uneven ground, falling into water, disease, speed and depth of water and risk of drowning	medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>warn children of wire along fences, stiles, trip hazards in water, steep banks and uneven ground, advise work where banks are gentle</b></li> <li>• <b>adequate adult/child ratio (min. 1:6 for those in water)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• health &amp; safety information to be sent to all schools                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>health &amp; safety talk to all groups</b></li> <li>• <b>cuts covered and use of antiseptic wipes</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>site to be visited before each visit ensure water is not too deep for a visit and to remove obstacles from the river</b></li> <li>• <b>first aid kit, mobile phone, rescue device and blanket to be carried on each visit</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Old Water Mill. Climbing hazard	low	<b>Warn children to stay away from the water mill. It is barely visible. Clear of vegetation so it can be seen safely</b>
Wildlife hazards – snakes, fungi etc	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>warn children not to approach</b></li> </ul>
Cows and horses	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>adequate supervision</b></li> <li>• <b>guidance to children on how to behave where appropriate</b></li> </ul>

**Assessor. J. Bishop**  
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