

Hardenclough Farm Risk Assessment

Hazard	Severity	Likelihood	Risk Level	Existing Control Measures
Falls from height	4	2	Moderate	Farms contain a variety of large equipment, machinery and stacks of bales. If climbing on these is allowed it could cause a fall from a significant height. All ladders and equipment for working at heights should be secured and put away. Other hazardous equipment will be put in an area not to be accessed by visitors. Visitors should be closely supervised at all times to ensure that no climbing on equipment is allowed and that they stay in permitted areas, this will be highlighted in a talk before we enter the farm.
Falling hay bales	4	2	Moderate	Large bales of hay and straw are highly stacked around the farm. If these bales were to fall they could cause a very serious injury. Groups will be closely supervised at all times and will not be in area where hay bales stacked.
Trips and slips	2	2	Tolerable	The farmyard and the farm building have uneven surfaces and drains and may at times be wet or icy if the weather is poor. During the pre-visit, and in all correspondence, it will be highlighted that appropriate footwear is required. This will be highlighted again at the start of the visit and all footwear will be checked. Staff vigilant at removing obstacles and trip hazards and we will provide and maintain adequate lighting.
Injury from hazardous substance	2	1	Trivial	Farms contain fuels and chemicals that could be dangerous to visitors. Hazardous substances will be clearly labelled and stored securely out of reach of visitors.
Injury from livestock	2	2	Tolerable	Animals may bite, kick or trample visitors. Visitors will be told not to enter animal pens without supervision and they will be instructed in the correct way to touch and feed an animal, any animal that is known to bite will be highlighted and the visitors will be asked not

				to touch them. Groups supervised at all times
Injury from sheep dog	2	2	Tolerable	Although the farm dog is very gentle she may get over excited when visitors are on the farm and could jump up or nip a visitor, for this reason she will be kept on lead, unless in a pen away from the visitors, and visitors will be asked not to touch her until we are sure she is settled.
Falling in the sheep dip	1	1	Trivial	In the farm building there is a deep trench that we use to dip sheep, this may be full of liquid. The dip will remain covered at all times and not in an area the visitors should have access to behind a closed gate. Visitors will be told not to open gates and go into areas without supervision.
Bacterial infection	2	1	Trivial	Humans can pick up infections from animals so it is very important that visitors follow rules to avoid this. This will be discussed at the pre-visit and once on the farm visitors will have a hygiene talk about hand washing after contact with animals, food and drink will not be consumed in farm building or before hands have been washed properly.
Medical emergencies	4	2	Moderate	Likely to be no mobile signal but landline available in farmhouse which is close to the farm building
Injury from farm machinery	2	1	Trivial	Farm machinery will be stored away from areas accessed by visitors
Injury from moving vehicle	1	2	Tolerable	Vehicles will not be moved when visitors are on site
Pregnant women and sheep during lambing	4	2	Moderate	<p>Pregnant women should avoid sheep during lambing season because of the risk of miscarriage. Some ewes carry infections such as chlamydiosis, toxoplasmosis and listeriosis, which are common causes of abortion in ewes.</p> <p>This hazard will be highlighted at the pre-visit and all correspondence with the visitors, it will also be mentioned at the start of the visit to ensure that everyone is aware of the hazard such that pregnant women will have no contact with sheep during the</p>

				lambing season.
Inclement weather	2	2	Tolerable	Our farm is situated in an area where the weather can be very inclement and road conditions can quickly become hazardous. It is important that all parties look at the weather forecast prior to the visit and that the farm visit only goes ahead if it is safe to do so. It is also important that appropriate clothing is worn that is suitable for the forecast weather. It could be cold and wet in the building during the winter so warm, waterproof coats and boots are needed. This will be discussed at the pre-visit.