



# Recording Wiltshire's Wildlife



## RISK ASSESSMENT

This risk assessment has been compiled by the Trust after identifying the possible hazards associated with surveying or monitoring sites by volunteers. However, it is up to the volunteer to assess the situation on the day and use his/her judgement as to the safety of the conditions. You should do this each time you go onto the site.

Date:	Site Name:
Hazard:	Precautions:
Weather: sun/rain/cold/hot etc	Wear suitable clothing, take suitable precautions and spare clothes. Halt survey if conditions are severe
Working Alone:	Take someone along or operate the 'Buddy System' – inform a relative of where you are, what time expected back and who to contact in an emergency
Personal Attack:	Survey within sight of others where possible, carry a mobile, survey during daylight hours only
Ground Conditions: slipping/tripping	Wear suitable footwear. Be aware of any steep banks, open water, trip hazards
Tetanus/Leptospirosis/Lyme Disease:	Volunteers advised to have a Tetanus injection and information given of other risks associated with long grass and water. Check skin and clothing for ticks after each survey
Major Roads/Traffic:	Sites chosen not to cross major roads but visibility jackets can be issued if a route is bordered by busy roads
Nearest Hospital:	Nearest Phone or Mobile No: (if a mobile – check it works at the site first)

**Remember that any near misses or accidents must be reported to the Wildlife Trust on the next working day.**

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