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# March 2022: Social Walk Risk Assessment

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| Route: |  | | | | |
| Date Risk Assessment Completed: |  | Recce Date: |  | Time/Date of Walk |  |
| Walk Leader: |  | Start GR/GPS: |  | Finish GR/GPS: |  |
| Distance: |  | Parking Location: |  |  |  |

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| Hazards | The questions below are not exhaustive and can be amended where appropriate to tailor to your social walk route. | Action Taken? (click the box) |
| **General Hazards and Covid-19 Prevention Measures[[1]](#endnote-2)** | | |
| **Parking Area** | Is there ample suitable parking given? |  |
| **Traffic/Roads/**  **Railways** | Are there suitable places at roads/railways to ensure crossings take place in a safe place whilst maintaining good hygiene and social distancing guidelines if appropriate? |  |
| **Terrain, paths, tracks and obstacles** | Has the route been recce’d to assess the risks associated with Covid-19 transmission?  Is the terrain taken into consideration?  Any potential barriers to enable good hygiene (especially on high touch surfaces)?  Have narrow routes been minimised where walkers may not be comfortable passing through due to lack of social distancing?  Can the social walk be held at a less busy time of the day/day of week to minimise disruption to the local community? |  |
| **Rest breaks, Refreshments & Amenities** | Does the location for the coffee/lunch break allow for good hygiene and safe use of amenities? |  |
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| **Weather** | Have extreme weather conditions been considered and its impact on the walk?  Will Met weather warnings be checked before commencing? |  |
| **Livestock** | Is there danger to walkers that should be considered? |  |
| **Participants** | Assessing the hazards outlined within this risk assessment, as walk leader I am comfortable to lead a maximum group of: | Insert number |
| **Register** | Are arrangements in place to complete the walkers register?  Is it known how to upload the risk assessment and walkers register? |  |
| **Comments and additions to the risk assessment** |  |  |

1. From April 2022, in England, the Government removed all legislation relating to Covid-19.. However, Covid-19 will be a feature of life for the foreseeable future and the **NEC recommends use of this risk assessment** to demonstrate that walk organisers and leaders have adequately discharged their responsibilities. The NEC encourages all members to show common sense, exercise good hygiene and be thoughtful to the needs of others as well as local communities on walking routes. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)