

## Risk assessment for field trips by the Northumberland and Tyneside Bird Club

Field trips are carried out to a pre-arranged schedule, members travel in their own cars or those of other members to a site to carry out birdwatching activities at sites controlled by other individuals or organisations not within the control of the club.

For the purposes of this assessment, the following assumptions are made

1. Members attending field trips are sufficiently fit and able to walk around the intended location.
2. Members driving to field trips are compliant with the laws surrounding driving licencing, insurance and vehicle maintenance
3. No high risk activities e.g. rock climbing are carried out as part of the field trips
4. Activities are limited to relatively low risk walking and birdwatching during field trips
5. Members are equipped with warm, waterproof clothing appropriate for the location
6. Leaders are briefed on this risk assessment prior to trips

Due to 4 above a simple 3x3 matrix is considered suitable for this assessment

likelihood			
Very likely	Medium risk	High risk	Major risk
likely	Low risk	Medium risk	High risk
unlikely	Low risk	Low risk	Medium risk
	Minor	moderate	major
	severity		

Outcomes are summarised below

hazard	Risk with no controls	Control measures	Risk after controls implemented
Slips, trips, falls	medium	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prior contact with site to obtain safety information and risk assessments for site to be visited</li> <li>2. Follow control measures and other instructions from site operator/owner</li> <li>3. Use designated tracks around site</li> <li>4. Brief members on hazards</li> </ol>	low
Road accident due to fatigue during driving	Medium	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Brief club members on road risk issues see HSE guidance on driving at work which is taken as good practice as members are not at</li> </ol>	low

