

Risk Assessment Template (H&S) NNRs

NNRs covered by this risk assessment:	Paston Barn NNR	Date completed:	7/10/2022
Assessment of (e.g. Activity, Equipment, Individual)	Site Risk assessment	Review date (max 1 year):	7/10/2023
Training required? Tick all that apply		Signed off by (SRM/ Line Manager):	Thomas Bolderstone
Training course:		Mandatory/Optional	Applicable? (✓)
Other (Please specify):			
Notes (e.g. mandatory safety precautions)	<p>Paston Great Barn is one of the best preserved, and few remaining, thatched great barns left in England. It also supports the only known breeding colony of Barbastelle bats to be found in a building.</p> <p>The barn itself is closed to the public to minimise disturbance to the bats, but other access is provided. Natural England manages Paston Barn under a lease from the North Norfolk Historic Buildings Trust.</p> <p>The Great Barn itself is a designated Scheduled Ancient Monument. The complex of buildings attached to the Great Barn are Grade II* buildings. This does not include the south boundary barn or the southern boundary wall, as they are not attached to the Great Barn or other buildings.</p> <p>Paston Great Barn supports an exceptional assemblage of bat species and represents one of the few known maternity roosts of barbastelle bat <i>Barbastella barbastellus</i> in the UK (as well as the only confirmed barbastelle maternity roost in a building in the UK). In total, 5 species are known to have used the buildings: barbastelle, brown long-eared, common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle, Nathusius' pipistrelle and natterer's. In addition, a further two species have been recorded from around the buildings: noctule and Daubenton's Bat.</p>		

Though general access into the barn is not allowed, it is possible to see bats flying around the grounds of the reserve from March to September, just after sunset.

Paston Barn is located 1 mile west of Bacton gas terminal on the A149, south east of Paston village.

A local coach service number 34 stops at Paston bus shelter in Paston village.

The nearest train station is North Walsham.

Emergency rendezvous points on site Emergency access plan. Access is via road or helicopter for emergency services. 4G signal is good on the reserve .

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First Aid

- All vehicles on site will contain a first aid kit
- All staff trained in first aid at work
- Any supervised groups and volunteer groups will have a first aider and kit present

Read in conjunction with Site Hazard Map, Emergency Plan, task specific risk assessments

Note: young persons, new & expectant mothers etc., a separate risk assessment should be recorded.

Minimum PPE/RPE requirements	Appropriate footwear and clothing to suit the prevailing conditions.		
What are the hazards specific to your site/ staff/ equipment? E.g. site features such as steep slopes, individual issues such as new starters, equipment features such as known complexities.	Who might be harmed and how? A: All, S: Staff, V: Volunteers, C: Contractors, P: Public.	What precautions are you already taking?	What additional local precautions are required?
Natural Hazards. Bramble and scrub	A hypothermia Slips, trips falls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the public should keep to footpaths. Anyone accessing the site for research, monitoring or practical works should be briefed by local site staff on access routes Emergency plan and hazard map to be provided to all persons working on site 	
Natural Hazards. Pond	Drowning, hypothermia Cuts Lacerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two people to be present at all times Pond to be shown to all volunteers, contractors and staff working on site. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Natural Hazards. Fire Risk:	A Burns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No bonfires and campfires on site Ensure cigarettes extinguished 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2m fire break to be cut around the perimeter of the barn as per lease In dry conditions erect extra signage to warn visitors of fire risk.

Natural Hazards ticks	A Ticks Lyme Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid areas that ticks favour (tall grasses) • Keep skin covered by wearing long sleeves and trousers, light coloured clothes if possible, tuck trousers into socks. • Wear shoes or boots rather than sandals. • Check yourself after sitting in vegetation, brush ticks off clothing and examine yourself when returned home. • Staff and volunteers to carry an approved tick removal tool, in case you are bitten. These can be provided by the reserve manager. • If bitten, remove the tick as soon as possible using the approved tool and draw a ring around the bite and observe for changes, such as rashes and swelling. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell your doctor if you have been bitten by a tick as the symptoms of Lyme disease can take up to a year to develop. • Use correct methods for removing ticks https://www.lymediseaseaction.org.uk/about-ticks/tick-removal/
Man-made hazards: Paston Barn	A Falls, slips trips,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not stand immediately below building eaves • Do not attempt to access locked doors unless otherwise instructed by site staff 	
Man-made hazards: Unexploded ordnance	A Injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If any ordnance/suspicious items is found please leave alone, note the rough 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to record locations of any ordnance found to see if there is pattern to locations.

		<p>location and let site staff know or call the coastguard (112 or 999) who will then if necessary call the bomb disposal unit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Never attempt to remove any suspicious items. 	
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