

Branch Name:	Abingdon
Walk Location:	Queen Victoria statue, Abbey Gardens, OX14 3JE
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Hazard	Harm	Who is at risk?	Initial Risk Rating <i>(Likelihood x Severity = Risk)</i>			Control Measures <i>(To reduce likelihood)</i>	Revised Risk Rating <i>(Should be lower than initial rating)</i>		
			Harm Likelihood	Harm Severity	Risk Rating		Harm Likelihood	Harm Severity	Risk Rating
Contracting or spreading COVID	Illness	All attendees	2	3	6	to support NHS tracing. • Remind all attendees to follow government guidelines on social distancing. • Attendees asked to bring own hand sanitiser • Group numbers limited to maximum set out in NCT Safe Operating Procedure and government guidance. • Attendees asked not to share items or touch other people's belongings. • Advertising makes clear that anyone displaying COVID symptoms or self isolating must not attend. • Advertising makes clear that anyone who is shielding should not attend. • There are no high touch points (e.g. gates) on this route.	1	3	3
Length of walk unsuitable for attendees	Illness or injury	Attendees who are pregnant or those with undisclosed illness	3	2	6	• Attendees informed of duration of walk so they can decide if they wish to attend. • Route takes approx 40 minutes (slow walk), and is flat. • If anyone faints or is unwell, medical help will be called.	2	2	4
Other incidents/ accidents	Injury	All attendees	3	2	6	• All incidents to be reported to NCT UKO. • Attendees who are injured will be directed to nearest first aid kit if appropriate. • Attendees supported to involve emergency services if needed. • Defibrillators available at the Abbey Meadows public toilet block and the lock keepers cottage. • Walk & Talk leaders to bring small first aid kit if possible. Other first aid points: Waitrose, The Nags Head, Costa. Emergency numbers on lock keepers cottage.	2	2	4
Inadequate welfare facilities	Insufficient facilities attendees needs in regards to toilets and handwashing	All attendees	1	2	2	• Advertising makes clear that use of any facilities is at attendees own risk • Event to last no longer than 1 hour • Attendees recommended to bring own hand sanitiser. • Public toilets and baby change available near Abbey Meadows carpark.	1	2	2
Adverse weather conditions	Sickness/injury/coldness	All attendees	2	2	4	• Attendees reminded that they are responsible for their own and their children's safety. • Attendees can bring own coats etc or leave event if they have nothing suitable. • Event will be cancelled in extreme weather conditions.	1	2	2
Inability to social distance	Illness	Attendees including children	3	2	6	• Route chosen to avoid where possible narrow paths. • Attendees reminded at start of walk to socially distance and walked single file where necessary. • Where the path narrows over the weir, the leader will need to wait until the bridge is clear before crossing. • There is signage at the weir reminding walkers to maintain a safe distance.	1	2	2
Critically vulnerable groups	Illness	Attendees in critically vulnerable group	3	3	9	• Anyone shielding is advised not to attend.	1	2	2
Lost Children	Lost Children	Children	2	3	6	• All volunteers aware of lost child policy • Remind parents at start of walk that children remain their responsibility at all times. • Parents asked to keep children in sight. • Volunteers to check that any children seen leaving the group are accompanied by a parent/guardian.	1	3	3
Café or retail venue and spread of COVID	Illness	All attendees				• Walk will not include stop at cafe. • Attendees use cafe or retail venues at own risk. • Attendees reminded not to share food or drink.	2	2	4
Food Allergens	Allergic reaction	All attendees	2	3	6	• Attendees reminded not to share food or drink.	1	3	3
Children's play area	Trips, Slips, Falls, COVID	Children	3	2	6	• Walk will not include play area. • Attendees reminded they use play area at own risk.	2	2	4

Rubbish	Environmental Impact / Pollution from litter / Slip Hazards	All attendees	2	2	4	• Rubbish should be placed in bin or taken home.	1	2	2
Theft	Loss of funds / Personal items	All attendees	2	2	4	• Attendees responsible for own belongings. • Social distancing maintained at all times.	1	2	2
Personal Security	Verbal / Physical assault	All attendees	2	1	2	• Volunteers vigilant at all times • If any concerns leave situation or phone police as appropriate. • All incidents to be reported to NCT UKO.	1	1	1
Access difficulties	Disabled access / prams	All attendees	1	2	2	• Attendees informed that part of the route is rough gravel path, but an alternative route is available.	1	1	1
Uneven / muddy ground	Trips, Slips, Falls	All attendees	1	2	2	• Attendees informed that the path is uneven and slippery in places (e.g. from wet leaves).	1	1	1
Path Obstructions	Trips, Slips, Falls	All attendees	2	2	4	• Event leader to look out potential obstructions, and point these out accordingly. The path is mostly wide, so would be easy to walk around any obstruction.	1	2	2
Water	Slips, Falling in, Drowning	All attendees	2	3	6	• The path follows a slow moving, unfenced, wide backwater. • Attendees reminded that they are responsible for their own and their children's safety. • The weir and lock are fenced with danger signs displayed. • The safest place to feed the ducks is from the bridge near the Abbey Meadows carpark.	1	3	3
Busy roads or car park	Injury	All attendees	2	3	6	• The route follows the pavement on a short stretch of main road over a bridge. • Attendees reminded that they are responsible for their own and their children's safety. • Attendees wishing to visit a local café would be directed to use the pedestrian crossing.	1	3	3