

Please note that this risk assessment applies to the activity at the date of writing and under the prevailing weather conditions at this time. Please discuss any possible changes to this assessment with Leeson staff before undertaking this activity.

Activity: RSPB Reserve at Arne – this risk assessment only applies to areas accessible by the designated paths in the reserve.			
Risk Assessment Completed By: Michael Gould and Louise Harding		Date: January 2019 Review: January 2020	
See General Off – Site Risk Assessment			
1	Bird Hides	Steps to bird hide can be slippery when wet, windows can catch fingers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief pupils, staff to open and close windows.
2	Adders	Adders on paths / sandy areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief pupils to stay away from any snakes seen, staff to walk at front of group.
3	Salt marsh / harbour	Muddy shorelines, sharp flints on beaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief pupils to stay away from the mud / sea and to keep footwear on at all times.
7	Disturbance of other visitors	Other birdwatchers in the reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep close supervision of pupils at all times, brief pupils to be quiet when approaching the bird hide.
8	Binoculars	Carrying straps on binoculars, damage to binoculars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils must not run when carrying binoculars. They must always have the strap around their necks. Look through them only when not walking.
10	Deer Ticks	Tick Bites / LYMES DISEASE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief pupils and staff on procedure for checking for ticks REFER TO SEPARATE GUIDELINES FOR LYMES DISEASE
11	Deer	Some Sika Deer have been known to be aggressive in the past. Pupils can be scared	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief pupils about staying quiet. Stay in a compact group with adults spaced out. Use alternative route if a stag is blocking the way. Give plenty of time for the herd of deer to pass across pathways
Emergency:		See General Off –Site Risk Assessment Emergency Procedures Good Mobile reception throughout. RSPB Information Hut is at the Car Park, often with volunteers present. RSPB Offices and Toilets found along a short pathway from the Southern end of the main car park Leeson House – 01929 422126 Emergency Services – 999 or 112	