Risk assessment for Wildlife Warden visits to Deer Park Farm – adaptable for any season.

At the start of each visit there will be a short safety talk, so that everyone understands the risks .
We ask visitors to bring their own drinks and ask visitors to wear suitable clothes – good cover to deter ticks and sun burn plus strong footwear.
We will discuss the route, whether it is slippery and how steep it is, so that we can make it as easy as possible for anyone with bad knees etc. also hazards such as ticks, sun burn etc.
If anyone is finding the walking hard, they should let me know – we can slow down, find a shorter route, a resting place where we can pick someone up on the return journey, or an easier route back to the farm with one of us showing the way.
Everyone should wash their hands well at the end of the visit and before eating.
No one should drink our tap water, as it is from a well.
Take notice of any warnings – they are important for your safety.

Hazard	**Measures taken to prevent the problem**	**Likeli-hood 1-5**	**Serious-ness 1-5**	**L X S** Under 8 acceptable
Injuries caused by leaning on barbed wire, thorns etc	Warn people at the start of their visit.	1	3	3
Injuries caused by cars/mini buses being parked/unparked.	Ask people not to stay in the parking area. Supervise car parking if necessary.	1	3	3
Bugs from the farm.	Ask everyone to have a good hand wash before eating. Provide wellie-washing facilities when needed.	1	4	4
Slips and falls	Avoid very muddy &/or steep areas. All to wear wellies/boots if needed.	2	3	6
Hot weather – risk of sunburn/heatstroke	Provide a shady outdoor area and a cool indoor area for activities, cancel if necessary.	2	3	6
Cold or wet weather	Provide shelter for discussion parts of the training. Cancel if weather is likely to be very severe.	2	3	6
Risk of blisters from hogweed/corky-fruited water dropwort in strong sunshine	Ask people to cover up before the event. Point out the species to the group so they can avoid them. Instruct to wash skin immediately if affected.	2	2	4
Ticks & Lyme disease	Warn people to check for ticks after the event and give advice on action needed.	1	4	4
Covid infections	Check government guidelines and ask people to let us know if they would like extra space.	2	3	6