WW lone walk example Risk Assessment

Narrative and main points eg what you are doing, where and with whom.
Do you, or your organisation have insurance cover?
ACT insurance covers Wildlife Wardens carrying out work specifically for wildlife.It covers Wildlife Wardens leading groups who aren't Wildlife Wardens, as long as they have taken additional WW training in leading work/walk groups

Name:……

Task: Walk in parish to note habitat and wildlife as well as opportunities for WW involvement. Lone working.

Location of start and finish:…… Grid ref/What3Words: ……

Date and time: ….

Insurance: ACT policy

Nb The Likelihood x Seriousness score should be 6 or under. If it is over 6 and no more than 12, then look for measures that will reduce the risk.
If it is over 12 then the task is too dangerous and needs to be completely re-thought.

Hazard (what might happen that hurts somebody?)	**Measures taken to prevent the problem**	**Likeli-hood 1-5**	**Serious-ness 1-5**	**L X S 6 or under acceptable.**
Trips/slips due to uneven ground/slippery surfaces.	Wear sensible footwear. Assess terrain beforehand, e.g. coastal (slippery rocks), and take necessary precautions. Carry a basic first aid kit (plasters, antiseptic cream) and a mobile phone.	2	3	6
Road traffic accident.	Avoid walking along busy roads without pedestrian pathways. Cross roads with care. Walk facing traffic direction where safe to do so. Wear Hi-Vis jackets where prolonged walking near roads is expected.	1	5	5

Reaction caused by contact with certain plants or wildlife.	Do not touch anything unless you know it's safe to do so. Wear gloves if handling anything suspicious (including and especially any rubbish/litter).	1	3	3
Extreme weather-related illness or injury such as dehydration and sunburn or hypothermia.	Always check weather forecast and consider postponing if severe weather predicted. Take drinking water, sun screen in hot conditions/warm clothes. Stick to known routes/footpaths.	2	3	6
Engagement with the public – hostility, physical or verbal aggression or intimidating behaviour	Always remain polite and avoid getting into confrontational situations. Carry a full charged mobile phone.	1	3	3
Getting lost	Plan the route carefully. Take a map as well as a fully charged phone. Let someone know where you will be and when you expect to return. Keep in touch with them.	1	2	2

Table 1c

Risk Score

LIKELIHOOD	CONSEQUENCE				
	1 Insignificant	2 Minor	3 Moderate	4 Major	5 Catastrophic
1 - Rare	1	2	3	4	5
2 - Unlikely	2	4	6	8	10
3 - Possible	3	6	9	12	15
4 - Likely	4	8	12	16	20
5 - Almost Certain	5	10	15	20	25