Nature of hazard **Group visitsto main Site**	Who is at risk	Existing controls	Is there still a risk? If so is it high medium or low Medium	Action needed if any	Action to be taken by
E coli	Visitors, young people, children, contractors,	General cleanliness on farm, control of exposure to animals and their faeces, separate eating areas, hand washing facilities, good supervision, cages / pens kept clean and regularly disinfected, locks on fields and pens, clean tools in contact with faeces / animals, visitors encouraged to use footbaths on leaving farm	Low	Supervisors to ensure daily that faeces is removed from paths, manure heaps kept tidy and separated from visitors, soap dispensers are all full, clear warning signage around the site. All people prohibited from eating in animal areas, daily filling of foot baths	Animal workers, youth team, LDD team, all staff showing groups around site
Large groups over crowding in animal areas, difficulty in observing all visitors, difficulty in accessing /supervising of hand washing	Visitors, staff, volunteers, young people, LDD group	Split large groups into manageable numbers, decide risk assessment ratios prior to visit large groups sent information prior to visit, i.e. risk assessment, HSE visiting open farms guidance leaflet	Low	Large groups to arrange visits in advance, supervisors to arrange group numbers and ensure adequate staff cover to work to risk assessment ratios, and routes around farm to keep groups separated, farm staff should arrange nominated contact for visiting group, farm to ensure that a member of staff is nominated as coordinator for visit.	All supervisors of group visits, farm staff, volunteers
Zoonoses Salmonellosis, cryptosporidiosis, Orf, ringworm	Visitors, staff, volunteers, LDD, young people, contractors	Regular visits from vet to check health of stock, animals showing signs of ill health / stress removed and put in restricted contact area, animals and cages / pens kept clean and regularly disinfected, clean tools in contact with faeces / animals, locks on fields and pens, animals that have just given birth to be housed in restricted areas, all people	Low	Supervision, hygiene (hand washing), warning signage, All people prohibited from eating in animal areas	All supervisors of group visits, farm staff, volunteers

		advised to have tetanus jab if skin broken whilst visiting farm			
Pregnant visitors Risk of zoonotic abortion	Pregnant visitors, staff, volunteers, contractors	All visiting groups when booking should be asked if any group members are pregnant and information sent to advise pregnant visitors sent out prior to visit where possible Signage warning of toxoplasmosis and chlamydiosis should be clearly displayed on the farm site Pregnant visitors taking part in farm activities may be restricted from close contact with goats, sheep and bedding/ manure Animals who have given birth should be kept from contact with the public and soiled bedding removed and put into field manure heap as soon as possible – public access to the stables should be stopped during mucking out to reduce the risk of inhalation of birthing fluids etc by pregnant women	low	This should be coordinated by the youth team and passed on to visit supervisors	All supervisors of group visits, farm staff, volunteers
Animal welfare	All animals - large and small animal house	Large groups split into manageable numbers, visitors told to be calm and quiet and gentle around animals, visitors discouraged from handling animals unless suitable supervision present, only competent staff to handle animals, restricted access to animals, locks on cages, pens, fields, cage tops put on in small animal house, no animals to be chased, frightened or tormented	Low	On going supervision, training and included as part of induction, safe systems / guidance adhered to	All supervisors of group visits, farm staff, volunteers, young people
Animal based injuries	Visitors, staff, volunteers, LDD, young people, contractors	Biting, kicking, pecking, scratching, crushing against barriers and unexpected animal behaviour.	low	Adequate supervision, safe handling and keeping visitors away from animals with young.	All supervisors of group visits, farm staff, volunteers, young people
Infection through cuts, grazes, open wounds	Visitors, staff, volunteers, LDD, young people, contractors	All cuts, grazes, wounds to be covered with plaster / gloves, dressing, visitors discouraged from sticking fingers staff into cages etc	Low	To ensure that wounds etc are covered, first aid kits regularly checked and restocked (green cabin, café, main office, LDD base	Parents, teachers, supervisors, group organisers,

				room), staff to ensure that 'these animals may bite' signs are displayed	farm staff, young people, volunteers
Inappropriate clothing (trip hazard)	Visitors, staff, volunteers, LDD, young people, contractors	All people to be advised to wear appropriate clothing, sturdy shoes, no high heels, wellies or steel capped boots if taking part in practical activities	Low		All supervisors of group visits, farm staff, volunteers
Using tools	Visitors, staff, volunteers, LDD, young people, contractors	All people to check tools are undamaged before using them, only to use tools when supervised and permitted to do so, all tools to be carried and stored correctly (points down), tools to be kept off main paths (stored upright or in barrows when not in use), tools to be cleaned at end of session, only competent people to use tools, tools to be put in store at end of session, all broken / damaged tools to be reported to farm staff	Low	Staff to check and maintain tools, tools talks before work sessions, staff to be familiar with tools individual risk assessments / safe systems of work	All supervisors of group visits, farm staff, volunteers
Accidents	Visitors, staff, volunteers, LDD, young people, contractors	All accidents to be recorded in farm accident books, all groups supervised (visiting staff / farm staff), first aid only to be administered by qualified first aiders	Medium	Staff to ensure visitors are aware of first aiders / first aid points	All supervisors of group visits, farm staff, volunteers
Smoking	Visitors, staff, volunteers, LDD, young people, contractors	Smoking /Vaping prohibited in all buildings (offices, stables, café, sheds, stores, metal containers), fields, polytunnels, smokers to be encouraged to use behind Green Cabin / smoking areas on Richards Road, all visitors informed of smoking guidelines	Low	Staff to ensure prohibition signage is displayed	Parents, teachers, supervisors, group organisers, farm staff, young people, volunteers
Safeguarding	Visitors, staff, volunteers, LDD, young people, contractors	No persons to work alone with young people / vulnerable adults unless DBS checked by farm and deemed competent to do so	Low	Staff to supervise to ensure child protection policy is adhered to	Parents, teachers, supervisors, group organisers, farm staff, young people, volunteers

Fire	Visitors, staff, volunteers, LDD, young people, contractors	Fire systems to be tested weekly, regular fire drills, fire marshals trained and appointed, clear fire exit signage, fire exits kept clear at all times, fire extinguishers maintained and weekly checked, all visitors informed of fire procedures and fire assembly point, registers/ group list kept by group organisers, smoking prohibited / restricted, flammable materials used and stored correctly, fire risk assessments reviewed and updated	Low	Staff to receive regular training / drills, all fire monitoring carried out and documented / recorded, all staff to be aware of fire risk assessments / COSHH controls / measures	All supervisors of group visits, farm staff, volunteers
COSHH	Visitors, staff, volunteers, LDD, young people, contractors	COSHH files to be kept and updated, all chemicals / material to be stored as COSHH assessment guidelines, chemical cupboards to be kept locked and only accessed by competent staff, COSHH materials only to be used with competent supervision and correct PPE, all chemicals/ materials to be least harmful available (COSH / environmental policy)	Low	Staff to provide and correctly store PPE, staff to undertake appropriate training, adhere to safe systems of work	All supervisors of group visits, farm staff, volunteers
Lifting / manual handling	Visitors, staff, volunteers, LDD, young people, contractors	All staff / group organisers to be familiar with safe lifting risk assessment / health and safety guidelines, all staff / group organisers to provide PPE and lifting aids, groups undertaking manual handling supervised by competent staff at all times, all groups given safe lifting guidelines before commencing tasks / work	Medium	Staff to maintain lifting equipment, Staff to ensure prior to visit that adequate PPE / equipment available	All supervisors of group visits, farm staff, volunteers
Trip hazards	Visitors, staff, volunteers, LDD, young people, contractors	All areas to be kept clear and clean. All spillages to be cleaned up immediately / wet floor signs displayed, appropriate footwear to be worn, all leads, cables /hosepipes not trailed across paths / covered if going across paths, paths and flooring checked weekly for trip hazards i.e. rips in flooring materials, holes in paths, step edges to be highlighted, main paths to be gritted in cold weather, ramps regularly maintained to ensure anti slip surface is intact, all tools to be used and stored correctly to avoid trip hazards.	Low (medium in wet and cold weather)	Staff to be aware of slips and trips risk assessment, all staff to keep paths / floors clear and clean daily	All supervisors of group visits, farm staff, volunteers

Vehicle movement	Visitors, staff, volunteers, LDD, young people, contractors	Tractors, delivery vehicles, reversing vehicles, moving equipment and visitors entering working areas. Separate pedestrian routes from vehicle routes where possible. Adequate staffing ratios for young people. All farm vehicles and plant equipment display hazard lights when moving around site and Hi-vis must be worn when using plant equipment. Banks person assist in moving vehicles around site.	Low	Staff to be reminded regarding PPE usage and hazard lights periodically.	All supervisors of group visits, farm staff, volunteers
Bio security	Visitors, staff, volunteers, LDD, young people, contractors	Visitors transferring infection between animal areas, bringing contaminated footwear onto the site, or feeding animals unauthorised food.	low	Footbaths in place and staff to ensure adequate security measures in place. Signage dispayed to warn public not to feed animals except with farm bought animal feed Salt	All supervisors of group visits, farm staff, volunteers
Weather	Visitors, staff, volunteers, LDD, young people, contractors	Heavy rain, mud, ice, strong winds, heat, sun exposure and poor visibility. Staff to consider seasonal checks and make changes to sessions and site where necessary, including and temporary route closures, gritting paths, working indoors etc.	low	grit bins, gazebos, sun cream, PPE etc. made available.	All supervisors of group visits, farm staff, volunteers
Allergies and Asthma	Visitors, staff, volunteers, LDD, young people, contractors	Potential allergens are Animal hair, hay, straw, dust, pollen, insect stings, plants and food allergens. Staff should be aware of participants allergens through initial induction process – Staff must understand how to deal with individual cases. first aid person on site at all times. Dust masks to be given to individauls with Asthma	low	Access to emergency medication and how staff should respond to a reaction. First aid kit on site. Dust masks kept in PPE store	All supervisors of group visits, farm staff, volunteers
Animal feed, manure and waste	Visitors, staff, volunteers, LDD, young people, contractors	Potential issues are contact with faeces, contaminated bedding, compost, waste storage areas and feed. Staff have a daily cleaning routine and must ensure areas are as clean and safe as possible.	low	Access restrictions, hygiene and safe disposal.	All supervisors of group visits, farm staff, volunteers

Water hazards	Visitors, staff, volunteers, LDD, young people, contractors	Ponds, water features, drains, water troughs and any accessible deep water are issues on site. Children and those with cognitive issues must be supervised. Signs and barriers in place to prevent access where possible.	low	Consider drowning, falls and contact with contaminated water, where applicable.	All supervisors of group visits, farm staff, volunteers
Fire	Visitors, staff, volunteers, LDD, young people, contractors	Fire in buildings, animal accommodation or storage areas are all potential hazards. Fire safety systems are checked regularly, and evacuation procedures are in place alongside RA's for each building and activity (where heat and fire are used) PEEPs (Personal emergency evacuation plans), included as part of support plans / individual risk assessment for vulnerable aSignage at large scale events (lost children). Staff know where to take people if lost or separated from groups/carers.	low	Evacuation arrangements and assistance for people who need additional support in place	All supervisors of group visits, farm staff, volunteers
Public behaviour and security	Visitors, staff, volunteers, LDD, young people, contractors	Unauthorised entry into animal pens, climbing on fences, running, horseplay, vandalism and visitors ignoring warning signs are all potential issues. Staff must remain vigilant. Areas must be locked/closed off to public if potential risks involved. Staff must communicate and issues asap to other staff members and manager. Suitable ratios in place.	low	Staff awareness of site users (communication if issues occur) areas blocked to public, gates and doors locked. Rules in place and on view to all.	All supervisors of group visits, farm staff, volunteers
Visitors becoming lost or separated	Visitors, staff, volunteers, LDD, young people	Suitable group ratios in place. Good communication between staff to ensure safety.	low	Staff awareness and signage. Communication.	All supervisors of group visits, farm staff, volunteers
Noise and sensory hazards	Visitors, staff, volunteers, LDD, young people	Loud machinery, animal noises and crowded or busy areas, especially during events or organised group visits could potentially cause a risk. Staff must wear appropriate PPE and be aware of others around them when using loud machinery or speaker systems (such as PA's or radios) Sound checks are carried out on PA's before use. Staff must ensure that	low	Staff awareness of participants needs (sensitivity to noise) PPE available	All supervisors of group visits, farm staff, volunteers

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		visiting groups are not disturbing/upsetting others through their actions (within reason)			
Eating and drinking on site	Visitors, staff, volunteers, LDD, young people	If visitors use the café, eat between activities or handle food, food hygiene must be considered – All visitors and participants must wash their hands before eating, drinking or smoking. Staff to remind participants. Adequate hand-washing facilities are available on site. People should be discouraged from eating and drinking in animal areas.	low	Staff awareness of participants needs (sensitivity to noise) PPE available	All supervisors of group visits, farm staff, volunteers

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