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Risk Assessment: Watts Nature Reserve, School Hill, Shortlanesend, Truro TR4 9DU

Risk Rating Matrix

Likelihood x severity x risk = rating: 1-very low/rare; 2- unlikely, 3 – medium/possible, 4 – High /likely, 5 -very high/almost certain

Rating	Score	Action Required
Low	1-4	Monitor and review
Medium	5-9	Action within 1 month
High	10-14	Urgent action needed

Overview

Watts Nature Reserve is a protected natural environment managed for public enjoyment and nature biodiversity. The reserve is a Site of Special Scientific Interest and comprises of woodland, wetland, a boardwalk and a Public Right of Way.

1.Boardwalk Structural and Physical Hazards

Hazard	Who is affected?	Likelihood 1-5	Severity 1-5	Risk Rating	Control Measures
Slippery boardwalk surface (algae, wet leaves)	All visitors	4	4	High	Anti slip surface installed. Monthly sweeping.
Damaged/rotting planks or handrails	All visitors	2	5	Medium	Weekly visual inspections by staff. Formal structural survey by competent person annually. Defects

					logged and repaired within 24 hours if high risk. Affected section closed
Collapse of structure	All visitors	1	5	Medium	Boardwalk installed by competent person. Inspected annually
Gaps or uneven boards causing trips/falls	All visitors	3	3	Medium	Inspected weekly
Falls from elevated sections	All visitors	2	5	Medium	Handrails where height exceeds 600mm. Lower rails to prevent children falling

2. Environmental and Wildlife Hazards

Hazard	Who is affected	Likelihood 1-5	Severity 1-5	Risk Rating	Control Measures
Flash flooding/waterlogging	All visitors	3	4	High	Visitors to exercise judgement
Overhanging trees/vegetation	All visitors	2	4	Medium	Arbicultural survey. Inspection after high winds. Overhanging branches to be pruned
Uneven ground causing trips and falls	All visitors	3	4	Medium	Regular inspections. Repairs undertaken as necessary
Water Hazard	All visitors	2	5	High	Adequate signage by deep water pond

Invasive/Poisonous plants	All visitors	3	3	Medium	Removal or treatment of plants in accordance with BS
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