

## **CRoW - Task Risk Assessments**

Risk assessments for all Econet activities including those of CRoW, are assembled from a series of 'base' documents. These documents are broadly based on The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) generic risk assessments. It is an insurance requirement that there are risk assessments for all our activities.

The base documents fall into various categories:

1. Activity related assessments which apply to specific activities, e.g. 'Hedgelaying'.
2. Site related assessments which will apply to all activities at a particular site (work location), e.g. 'Public Open Space' at sites where there is unrestricted public access and relates to issues such as dog fouling and sharps.
3. Site related assessments which will apply to all activities at some sites (work locations) but may also apply to others depending on the task, e.g. 'Roadside working' which always applies to tasks at some of Ruscombe's ponds.
4. In addition, there is a General Conservation Activities assessment and currently a Coronavirus assessment, which apply to all tasks.

### **Creating a risk assessment**

- For each CRoW site, any assessments which will apply to all activities at that site are identified and held against the site.
- Similarly, based on the description provided, assessments applying to the task be identified and stored against the task.
- From these assessments and other information about the site such as meeting point location, nearest hospital, etc., the risk assessment for the task is assembled and will be loaded on the website and linked to the task entry in the programme. A copy of the risk assessment is also archived.

### **Amendments to a risk assessment**

- If during the task an activity is undertaken not covered by the risk assessment, e.g. there is a bonfire, this should be noted and the archive version of the risk assessment will be updated with the additions tagged as 'written in'.

For each CRoW task, a task sheet will be produced for the task leader which will include a summary of the risk assessment including PPE requirements and may be used to record amendments.

A list of and links to, all the risk assessment base documents can be found on the website, <http://www.econetreading.org.uk/admin/RAOverview.html>.

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