

SDOS Birding Walks Risk Assessment Form:

Assessor: Tony Benton : Date of Assessment 6/3/2022

Location: **Coronation Green** (Shoreham by Sea) and east bank of **River Adur** between Ropetackle and the old Toll Bridge.

Brief Description: This walk combines two elements, or might be confined to either. There are toilets off Shoreham High Street and at the Adur Recreation Ground. The walk is completely flat, except for a very short slope to Coronation Green and a short gradient adjacent to Ropetackle. This walk is suitable for people using a wheelchair. The total walk is approximately two miles and is linear. Good facilities nearby for refreshments.

Suggested clothing: Warm, waterproof clothing depending on weather conditions; strong footwear or wellington boots after rain.

Hazard	Who might be harmed	Evaluation of Risk	Risk mitigation measures	Comments
Bad weather	All participants	Low / Medium	Cancel or curtail walk	Monitor weather forecast
Lightning storms	All participants	Low / Medium	Cancel or curtail walk	Monitor weather forecast
Snow and ice	All participants	Variable low/medium	Advise participants - if necessary cancel or curtail the walk	Monitor weather forecast
Darkness, cloud, fog	All participants	Low	Cancel or curtail walk	Monitor weather forecast
Hot weather	All participants	Low/medium	Participants to wear suitable clothing and have access to fluids	Monitor weather forecast
Uneven walking surfaces	All participants - but particularly less mobile people	Low - only applies beyond the tarmac/beyond Toll Bridge	Participants to be aware and take care	Very low risk, participants who are less mobile might choose to use a walking aid
Muddy conditions	All participants	Low - only applies beyond the tarmac/beyond Toll Bridge	Suitable footwear or avoid muddy sections - participants choice	Negligible risk of any harm
Standing water and flooding	All participants	Low	Participants to wear suitable footwear	Monitor weather forecast and assess on the day

