

**Watchtree Nature Reserve**

Great Orton, Carlisle, CA5 6NL

**Location: All**

<b>Title :</b> Covid 19 Visitors	<b>Date of Assessment :</b> 02/06/2020	<b>Risk Assessor :</b> Ryan Dobson
<b>Risk Assessment Reference :</b> RA082	<b>People involved in making this assessment :</b> Ryan Dobson	
<b>Task/ Process :</b> Reopen to the public whilst preventing Covid 19 infection	<b>People at Risk :</b> Employees, Contractors, Members of the Public, Volunteers, New and Expectant Mothers, Children & Young Persons, Visitors	

<b>Hazard : Infection</b> Infection of Covid 19 virus causing personal illness and increasing the overall damage caused by the outbreak country and worldwide
<b>Control Measures:</b>
1. Access to the reserve will be granted to low risk visitors on a 'zero contact' basis only.
2. There will be no public access to the visitors centre (including toilets), cycle facilities, bird hides, elemental garden and pond dipping platform
3. All volunteer activities are suspended
4. All organised gatherings including trail runs, walking groups, school visits, group cycling sessions etc are suspended
5. The reserve will be manned with minimal staff, all of whom will complete a self assessment health check, Covid 19 awareness training course, hygiene tool box talks and use of PPE toolbox talk before commencing work.
6. This risk assessment will be reviewed daily based on the latest information available form the UK government and the NHS.
7. All staff will work in private offices which are cordoned off from the public with 'no access' signage
8. The number of visitors will be restricted by blocking 1/3 of the available parking spaces
9. A second pedestrian entrance to the reserve, from the car park will be added to avoid overcrowding at access gate.
10. The compost toilet will be open for visitor use - see RA083
11. Signage will be displayed insisting that all visitors practice safe social distancing and that all facilities, other than the reserve itself and the compost toilet, are closed.
12. All gates will be tied open by staff at the beginning of the day and closed at the end of the day, reducing the need for people to touch contact points.
13. Picnic tables and benches will remain available, signage will be displayed informing visitors that we DO NOT include picnic tables and benches in our cleaning schedule and that they should therefore take their own precautions.
14. All staff will take part in a First Aid - Covid 19 toolbox talk, which will highlight the changes that should be made to first aid in practice during the pandemic.

<b>Documents Associated with this Risk Assessment:</b>	
<b>Review Date :</b> 13/06/2020	<b>Reviewer :</b> Ryan Dobson