

## RISK ASSESSMENT

Downlands Partnership: Grazing / Downlands Project

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> of August 2017

### LIVESTOCK RISK ASSESSMENT: Stock checking volunteers

REF.: E.15

LOCATION(S): All sites

#### POTENTIAL HAZARDS:

**STOCK CHECKING;** Crush / injury / disease from livestock (the farm will have cows and sheep); Ticks (Lyme disease); weill's disease; (trough's and pond); Nettles; barbed wire fencing;

#### APPLICABLE LEGISLATION/STANDARDS/ GUIDANCE/IN-HOUSE PROCEDURES/ETC:

- Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations 1998
- Provision and Use of Work Equipment regulations 1998
- Control of Substances Hazardous to Health regulations 1999
- PPE at work regulations 1992
- The Protection of Animals Acts 1911-1998 Animal Welfare Bill
- Welfare of Farmed Animals (England) regulations 2000
- Codes of Recommendation –sheep, goats, cattle (MAFF/DEFRA)

#### SUMMARY OF BEST PRACTICE:

- Volunteers must follow the instructions of the staff member.
- Care taken when accessing the site, proper distance kept from livestock with an escape route should the volunteer feel at risk
- Avoid touching the livestock, hands must be washed nearest opportunity after contact. Avoid hand touching to mouth and eyes.
- Wear appropriate PPE for tasks, groups are advised beforehand to wear long sleeve tops and trousers to minimise risk of ticks and Lyme's disease and from stinging nettles. Walking boots in good condition is advised.
- Mobile phone to be carried along with contact details with staff.
- Notify a contact to be aware of the activity you are doing