

RISK ASSESSMENT

ALL STAFF AND STUDENTS OF THE PROJECT WILL HAVE ACQUIRED A CURRENT TETANUS VACCINATION PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT MALHAM.

The purpose of this risk assessment is to identify all foreseeable hazards, real or potential. Failure to abide by the rules herein may result in your dismissal from the project; for students enrolled in archaeological field training this would mean an automatic failure of the course.

Most work will take place within the area of "Open Access" (This area to be advised on the Orientation Tour) at any time when this is not the case be sure that you have permission from the landowner to be on their land. This will normally be the responsibility of your supervisor as no lone trips by students will be allowed, unless the student has been specifically designated as competent to do so by the Project Director (R. Donahue). Although you will always have another person with you, you must still inform another responsible individual where you are going and when you expect to return.

Care is to be taken at all times, whatever the location, with sudden break of slopes, particularly near cliff faces, sink holes / shake holes, and around loose rocks. At all times, if in doubt, ask your supervisor and err on the side of caution. When moving around the Malham Moor area special care should be taken with the limestone blocks and pavement. Contact with the limestone is to be avoided if at all possible, particularly when it is damp or wet. Project members are to pay close attention when they are on the roads. Do not bunch or stand around on the road as traffic often arrives unexpectedly and at great speed. Please note that the Malham Tarn is a SSSI and is therefore out-of-bounds (no swimming or wading).

When moving around the landscape you should be in your designated teams, with no stragglers, each team member will carry their own waterproofs (as weather in this area can be very changeable) and be wearing stout footwear. Be aware that one can be severely sunburned even on mildly cloudy days; protect yourself from the sun with appropriate clothing and sun block. The team will carry a First Aid Kit and whistle, and one member must at all times wear the "high-viz" waistcoat provided. Also, you are not to carry more equipment than you can safely manage.

As all meals are provided it is expected that you eat an appropriate breakfast and lunch as the work can at times feel strenuous and tiring. No litter from the Project either of an official or personal nature is to be left at any time, and members of the Project are to be careful of other people's litter; the area is under great tourist pressure and the amount of broken glass, cans and other litter is alarmingly high in some areas. Further to this point, live sheep are to be left undisturbed as much as possible, whilst any dead ones are to be left untouched.

There will be no illegal recreational drugs allowed on the project Furthermore, no alcohol will be allowed during working hours, and never on site. No one will be allowed to work under the influence or effects of alcohol.

Care is to be taken at all times when using tools (e.g. shovels, spades, and picks). Be sure of your own safe working area and be aware of others working around you. When not in use tools should be kept face down and grouped together. Any tools you borrow are your responsibility.

In light of the foot and mouth outbreak the following safety precautions must be followed in order to minimise the spread of this disease. It is essential that no one is to go near livestock or onto farmlands where there are. People need to be prepared to go through disinfectant procedures on a regular basis on request. Closed footpaths are not to be accessed, footpaths are clearly labelled as to whether they are closed or open.

In the event of an accident, R. Donahue has First Aid training. You will be notified of any other qualified First Aiders at the beginning of the project. All accidents will be recorded in the site accident book; this includes the issuing of plasters.

If anything on this document is unclear then do not hesitate to ask for clarification from R. Donahue. If the document is clear and you understand it and agree to abide by it, and any other rulings of the Project management then please sign below:

NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE