


**CROXTETH HALL & COUNTRY PARK Generic Risk Assessment for Walled Garden Learning Opportunities**

A	<b>WALLED GARDEN</b>	<b>Business Unit: Parks and Green spaces, Ranger Interpretation Service (RIS)</b>	<b>Team: RIS</b> RIS t. 0151 233 6915 / 233 6912 <a href="http://www.croxteth.co.uk">www.croxteth.co.uk</a>	<b>Location: Walled Garden</b> Croxteth Hall & Country Park, Croxteth Hall Lane, Liverpool L12 OHB
	 <p><i>Notes; NB this risk assessment should be used in conjunction with the visit organizers own risk assessment for the visit.</i></p>	<b>Reference : Walled Garden Learning Opportunities;</b>  <b>ACTIVITY &amp; SEASONAL TRAILS</b> <b>CUSTOMISED VISITS</b> <b>HARVEST HELPERS</b> <b>SEE MY GARDEN GROW</b> <b>SPRING AWAKE!</b> <b>STORYTELLING</b> <b>TRAINING PROGRAMMES</b> <b>UP THE GARDEN PATH</b> <b>VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS</b> <b>WALLED GARDEN EVENTS</b>	<b>Assessor: M. O'Connor</b> <b>Date:08/01/2011</b> <b>Reviewed by D Jones</b> <b>Date: 23/01/2012</b> Next Assessment Review Date; <b>January 2013</b> <b>Copies:</b> <b>RIS Line Manager</b> <b>CHCP Interim Manager</b> <b>CHCP Garden Manager</b> <b>RIS Team</b> <b>*Stakeholders, schools and event organisers</b>  <b>*As and when required.</b>	<b>CHCP Interim Manager: Giles Nance</b>  <b>RIS</b> Derrick JONES                      Senior Ranger Paul CURREY                         Ranger John SMITH                           Ranger Paul SUTTER                          Ranger Mick FLOOD                         Ranger (Stanley Park) Dave DAWSON                       Interpretation Officer Neil BASCOMBE                      Events Officer  <p style="text-align: right;"><b>WG 2012</b></p>

<b>B</b>	<b>Assessment of risk for:</b> Those engaged on <b>Formal and Informal Learning Opportunities and Events led by RIS guides.</b> Hazards are presented through location in the Walled Garden, Croxteth Country Park, the route taken within it and the nature of activities. DEB Flora free Alcohol Gel data is available on separate sheets – listed as DEB Ltd. product ref No. JANGRO BN050.			
<b>C</b>	<b>Hazards</b>	<b>Groups at risk</b>	<b>Existing Controls</b>	<b>Priority</b>
1	<b>Child protection.</b> All RIS and appropriate staff hold current CRB Enhanced checks. Certificates held on file by RIS Managers and Business Support.	All Children / students/ adults/ LCC employees/ storyteller guides & all those assisting with visit.	All RIS staff hold current CRB cert. Including anyone with direct responsibility of care for children. Teachers <b>MUST</b> be present when visits are deployed in Walled Garden. Children supervised by school staff at all times and head counted before and after visit. Advice listed in teachers’ notes and forwarded to the school <i>in advance</i> of the visit. Guides and teaching staff to monitor weather conditions.	Low
2	<b>Weather conditions</b> may affect visit, which is outdoors and teachers / parents are reminded to ensure all children arrive in suitable clothing / footwear for the prevailing conditions. Visit may be curtailed or cancelled if unsafe weather conditions prevail, particularly high winds.	ditto	Before entry to the garden guides to ask the group to proceed through the garden in an orderly fashion.	Low
3	Glass houses are a potential hazard. Groups need to move through Peach House / glass houses in an orderly manner.	ditto	Guide to inform group to take care if ground - floor surface is wet. Teachers and guide to monitor progress of groups through Peach house - no pushing or shoving and all children asked to keep their hands clear of doors and door- jams and to proceed, following the pathways at the direction of the guides.	Low
4	<b>Potential injury</b> to fingers and hands by passage through gateways, doorways and glass-house. Inappropriate behavior such as pushing, shoving, throwing objects or climbing on structures may lead to injury. Wood posts, fencing materials and garden fixtures may have protruding or sharp edging. Plant supports – eye hazard if not covered.	ditto	Plants and animals can cause allergic reactions; it is advisable not to touch plant or animal life unless invited to do so by the guide. Process through garden with care to pathway edgings. Guide to instruct and warn group of potential hazards. Ensure gloves are worn if appropriate and hands are washed properly after handling plant or soil based materials. Group instructed to use hand washing facilities on site or hand gel provided as part of visit.	Low
5	<b>Trips and slips</b> – garden edging, wet grass. A potential hazard is wet or slippery floor surfaces in glass houses due to watering of plants or humidity.	ditto	Use hand gel (located near garden shop) to clean hands after contact with soil or plant matter. Soil and garden tools not to be handled by children.	Low
6	<b>Flora</b> – plants may sting or contain poisonous or noxious substances. There may be low over hanging branches or plant material with thorns and brambles. Some plants are harmful if ingested.	ditto	Tools not to be left unattended, if in reach of public or children. Tools stored in allocated safe area when not in use. Guide to monitor garden machinery and to contact security via radio or mobile phone regarding unexpected incident/s.	Low
7	<b>Fauna,</b> Bites or stings from bees, flies, wasps and other insects - possible allergic reaction.	ditto	Eye guards to be placed over plant supports esp. near to pathways.	Low
8	<b>Bio hazard.</b> Potential infection from micro- organisms present in soil and all animals – particularly their saliva or waste products can cause illness if ingested. This may also apply to soil in plots and on garden implements, also <b>Tools &amp; equipment;</b> hazard with regard to possible cut hands, infections or injury to person. Garden tools and implements may present hazard if left unattended, misused or used in incorrect manner.	ditto	Guide to contact security via radio. Head count numbers in party.	Low
9	Care required with moving machinery and equipment.	ditto	Ununexpected or unforeseen incident.	Low
10		ditto		Low
11		ditto		Low

**Risk Priority:** High: Accident likely with possibility of serious injury or loss    Medium: Possibility of accident occurring causing minor injury or loss    **Low: Accident unlikely with control measures in place**

