

Newton St Cyres Parish Council

Risk Management Assessment Form – **Footpath Volunteers** – Reviewed June 2026

This document has been produced to enable the Parish Council to assess the risks that it faces and to demonstrate that adequate steps have been taken to minimise such risks. The Council is aware that although risks cannot be fully eliminated it has a strategy in place that provides a structured and focused approach to managing risk.

Risk is defined as something that will affect the Council's ability to achieve its objectives and meet its duties. Risk Management is a tool by which these risks can be identified and controlled.

TASK	HAZARD	RISK	LEVEL OF RISK	CONTROL MEASURE
Walking on footpaths	Weather	Getting too hot, too cold, wet	Low	Check forecast and dress appropriately
Walking on footpaths	Terrain	Trips/falls etc	Low	Wear sensible footwear and take care
Walking on footpaths	Livestock	Injury from livestock	Low	Cross fields with livestock calmly and quietly, with dogs on short leads (releasing the dog if charged by cows) Follow the Countryside Code Leave gates and property as you find them Carry a mobile phone and let someone know where you are going and when you expect to be back
Walking on footpaths	Accident or medical emergency Stings, bits	Becoming unwell Getting stung/bitten by plants/insects	Low	Carry a mobile phone and let someone know where you are going and when you expect to be back Carry a first aid kit