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HAZARD	HARM	PERSONS AT RISK	EXISTING CONTROL MEASURES	RISK RATING	ADDITIONAL CONTROL MEASURES REQUIRED	PRIORITY A/B/C	DATE COMP.	RESIDUAL RISK
					Once action has been completed transfer comments to existing control measures column and date completion			
Electricity	Electrocution	Young persons, staff, Contractors, Public	<i>Large generators are used to provide an electricity supply to some of the larger marquees. The supply will be organised by a competent electrical contractor and test certificated will be issued to the show secretary before they are used. All cables must be provided in areas which will not cause a trip hazard.</i>	LOW	<i>All cables must be provided in areas which will not cause a trip hazard.</i> <i>Cables in areas open to the public must be buried.</i> <i>All such generators and distribution equipment must be securely fenced to prevent access by unauthorised persons.</i>			
Electricity	Electrocution	Young persons, staff, Contractors, Public	<i>No mains supply on site, portable generators to be used. These must be hired from a company providing certified safe equipment, or a test certificate must be in force.</i>	LOW				
Electricity	Electrocution	Young persons, staff, Contractors, Public	<i>The generators must be visibly in good condition, able to safely operate outdoors in wet conditions and the wires and connections must be fitted with waterproof plugs if outside and exposed to damp.</i>	LOW				

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Electricity	Electrocution	Young persons, staff, Contractors, Public	<i>Generator users must provide the Secretary with risk assessments for their area covering the use of generator, fuel and electrical equipment.</i>	LOW				
Electricity	Electrocution	Young persons, staff, Contractors, Public	<i>Only equipment which has been PAT tested by a competent person may be brought on site.</i>	LOW				
Manual handling	Injury	Young persons, staff, Contractors, Cadets	<i>Cadets to be briefed on the manual handling needed to help at the show. How to lift correctly and how to assess the weight of something and how to work in pairs. Remember seek assistance from leader if in doubt.</i>	LOW				
Manual handling	Injury	Young persons, staff, Contractors, Cadets	<i>All persons to work under supervision having been shown how to carry out the tasks and any dangers involved.</i>	LOW				
Manual handling	Injury	Young persons, staff, Contractors, Cadets	<i>Never lift more than you can comfortably carry. Seek assistance if in any doubt ask your supervisor or person in charge of that job.</i>	LOW				

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Noise	Nuisance	Young persons, staff, Contractors, Public	<i>Only generators able to operate whilst producing less than 80 decibels (A weighted) may be used on the showground. [Random checks will be made].</i>	LOW				
Hot processes	Burns and scalds	Any person	<i>No heaters, hot parts or equipment or exhaust or waste gas pipes to be accessible to unauthorised persons or the public</i>	LOW				
Struck by vehicle	Injuries	Any person	<i>Segregation of vehicle entrances from showground and from pedestrians. Separate taped roadways for cars, horseboxes and animal boxes from external roadways to their parking areas.</i>	LOW				
Struck by vehicle	Injuries	Any person	<i>Main Show Ground, "Chevron," the Traffic light contractors and the Show Ground Manager to control the flow of traffic off the road into segregated lines and enable checking of tickets etc. and to turn round unauthorised vehicles safely. The Hunt Parking Stewards to deal with cars, in the Public fields as arranged. Briefing beforehand for those taking part.</i>	LOW				
Struck by vehicle	Injuries	Any person	<i>Secretary to pre-issue tickets with maps and passes for vehicles. Officials to supervise entrances, allowing vehicles to get off public roads before being stopped for tickets.</i>	LOW				
Struck by vehicle	Injuries	Any person	<i>Site speed of 10 mph limit to be posted on prominent notices.</i>	LOW				

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Struck by vehicle	Injuries	Stewards and those involved in traffic control.	<i>High visibility jackets or tabards to be worn by all those dealing with car parking and or traffic management.</i>	LOW				
Contact with moving machinery	Injury	Any person	<i>Competitors using vintage equipment and equipment not of a current specification to be competent in the safe operation of the equipment.</i>	LOW				
Contact with moving machinery	Injury	Any person	<i>Static displays and demonstrations of vintage equipment to be roped off and warning signs prominently displayed.</i>	LOW				
Struck by horse	Injuries	Any person	<i>Policy for all horses to be kept in designated areas with exercise ring, no access to general showground is permitted [See conditions signed by all entrants to horse events].</i>	LOW				
Injuries due to close contact with horses	Injuries	Any person	<i>Horse entrants to be given copy of rules for horse riders and owners at show. Horses must be kept so far as is reasonable practicable to the designated ring practice areas and to the display areas. (See current map of showground.) Ensure horses are kept away from pedestrians so far as is reasonable practicable. For example horses may not be ridden around the general areas and pedestrian access routes of the showground. We aim for total segregation of horses and public.</i>	LOW				

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Injuries due to close contact with horses	Injuries	Any person	<i>Third party indemnity insurance is required for £1 million for all horses brought onto the showground. By signing and returning entry forms for the horse classes at the show, riders to agree to this, and agree to abide by the Show Rules in force.</i>	LOW				
Injuries due to close contact with horses	Injuries	Any person	<i>No child riding a horse who is not fully competent to control that horse may ride in any public areas except when entering the ring and must be under the direct control of a competent supervising adult.</i>	LOW				
Struck by animals	Injuries	Any person	<i>Entrants to receive copy of policy on stock handling, and to be trained and competent or accompanied at all times by trained and competent stock handlers. See AIS 34, 19 and 5 and INDG84 from HSE</i>	LOW				
Struck by animals	Injuries	Any person	<i>All rings where animals are showing, competing are to be closed by a movable rope across entrance/exit during performance to arrest any animal not under control.</i>	LOW				
Ponds and water	Drowning	Any person	<i>Unmanned ponds to be fenced securely with fine mesh so that unaccompanied children do not have access to such hazards. Warning signs to be put up and life belts to be available with lines on signed boards on posts.</i>	LOW				

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Struck by collapsing tent or other wind blown objects	Injury	Any person	<i>The safety officer will monitor all tents, awnings and structures and if he considers the items likely to cause injury in the prevailing conditions may cause the item to be removed and stowed safely. In the event of inclement weather the safety officer and the trustees decisions shall be obeyed.</i>	LOW				
Slips, trips and falls.	Injuries	Any person	<i>The car park and showground are undulating grazing fields therefore HDAA accept no responsibility or liability for any accidents.</i>	MEDIUM				
Displays	Injury	All persons	<i>Displays to be checked by safety officer before and during show to ensure safe condition at all times.</i>	MEDIUM -LOW				
Displays	Injury	All persons	<i>Rings to be double fenced and the gap kept clear. Assessment to be made of any abnormal or unusual ring activity by safety officer.</i>	LOW				
Displays	Injury	All persons	<i>Noisy activities e.g. army displays to be rehearsed and/or practiced only allowed when animal handlers, horse riders warned and away from immediate area.</i>	LOW				

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General hazards	Injury, trauma, illness	Contractors, Suppliers of First Aid, and emergency services	<i>Footwear suitable for field walking must be worn; No person should approach stock or animals unless they are familiar with handling such stock or animals. Animals are NOT pets and may bite, peck, kick or cause injury. All such providers must submit a full health and safety risk assessment covering their own activities and must have briefed their staff adequately before allowing them to attend. Attendance at the safety briefing prior to the show is advisable [Contact Secretary for details].</i>	LOW				
Fairground attractions	Serious injury/death	All persons	<i>Contractors providing equipment must before hiring them provide copies of current insurance cover, fairground operators licenses and test evidence of rides or equipment proposed for use.</i>	LOW				
Fire	Burns and smoke inhalation. Possible serious injury/death plus property damage.	Anyone in vicinity.	<i>All large tents to be equipped with water fire extinguishers place at the entrances/exits. Extinguishers to be on a clearly marked plinth with notices showing how to use them attached to the stand or displayed nearby.</i> <i>All stands erected by others must be equipped with their own extinguishers suitable for the hazards and risks presented by the stand and its contents.[See booking forms]</i>	LOW	Fire risk assessments are carried out for all the main marquees and are given to the person in charge of the marquee.			

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Fire	Burns and smoke inhalation. Possible serious injury/death plus property damage.	Anyone in vicinity.	<i>Bales of hay and straw provided as animal feed or bedding or provided for certain attractions must be supervised by the person in charge of that attraction. Remember bales of hay and straw are flammable! No smoking policy to be enforced in stock tents and tents provided by the Henley Show.</i>	LOW				
Fire	Burns and smoke inhalation. Possible serious injury/death plus property damage.	Anyone in vicinity.	<i>ProduceTent and Flower marquees must have adequate width and number of exits. Exits must be not less than 10 ft wide and they must not be obstructed and stall holders briefed by the person in charge on opening the exits if a fire alarm is raised. Exits to be marked with exits signs internally. Craft, Shopping, Food and Wine areas must have clear walkways.</i>	LOW				
Vehicle Fire	Burns and smoke inhalation. Possible serious injury/death plus property damage.	Anyone in vicinity.	<i>Foam fire extinguishers to be stationed in main car parks to deal with any vehicle fire, catalyst setting grass /crop residues alight.</i>	LOW				
Food poisoning.	Injury, trauma, illness	Anyone	<i>All persons involved in catering and in the preparation of food must be covered by holding food hygiene certificates as required by law or must be directly supervised by competent and responsible persons.</i>	LOW				

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Food poisoning.	Injury, trauma, illness	Anyone	<i>All caterers are admitted on the strict understanding that they are responsible for complying with health and safety, environment and food hygiene requirements.</i>	LOW				
Accidents on stands	Possible injury	Anyone	<i>All exhibitors must have public liability insurance.</i>	LOW				
Violence and aggression	Injury or verbal abuse.	All officials and stewards	<i>Do not offer any retaliation and leave the scene if possible. If possible do this before a violent situation occurs. If a person is suspected of acting violently or aggressively then summon other committee and stewards if necessary to protect the general public. Call the police if necessary.</i>	LOW				
Medical emergencies	Illness, sickness and injury	Any person	<i>Sufficient and suitable first aid presence to be maintained. Paramedics with an Ambulance are situated by the Secretaries tent. Radio for assistance. Report all accidents and emergencies using the accident forms held in the Secretaries Tent. Ensure that the Secretary and the Safety Officer are informed as soon as possible.</i>	LOW				

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Emergencies	Illness, sickness accident or injury to large numbers of people.	Any person	<i>In the event of any unforeseen emergency, occurrence or accident the safety officer/secretary will take charge and all stewards and committee will take their instructions from the safety officer until such time as a representative from the emergency services familiar with the requirements of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 is present. Only emergency service vehicles may enter the site. Keep designated roadways clear for emergency vehicle access.</i>	LOW				
Zoonoses.	Illness	Young children, pregnant women and those with poor immune systems.	<i>Notices to be displayed in stock areas warning people handling animals to wash. Ensure facilities are available for them to wash and dry. Rats to be controlled on site by rodenticides prior to the event. The advice of the safety officer must be taken at all times. If any animal disease or outbreak of such is considered likely or possible the safety officer may cancel the attraction in order to prevent any harm to people at the event.</i>	LOW				
Zoonoses.(see below)	Injury, trauma, illness	All involved	<i>Sufficient first aiders and paramedics to be available in proportion to the risks involved and decided in consultation with the police and fire brigade whose attendance is advisable for all but the smallest events.</i>	LOW				

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Leptospirosis hardjo	Debilitating disease with flu-like and or meningitis symptoms	Persons in contact with cattle.	<i>Ensure the cattle in areas likely to be visited by the public are vaccinated against this disease.</i>	LOW				
Leptospirosis hardjo	Debilitating disease with flu-like and or meningitis symptoms	Persons in contact with cattle.	<i>Training of staff to be aware of the disease which is distinct from Leptospirosis (Weil's disease)</i>	LOW				
Leptospirosis (Weil's disease)	Flu-like symptoms, 20% fatal	Anyone in contact with open water & rat infested premises.	<i>Control of rats, wear waterproof plasters on cuts, avoid pressure washing which creates aerosol particles which may be breathed in.</i>	LOW				
Leptospirosis (Weil's disease)	Flu-like symptoms, 20% fatal	Anyone in contact with open water & rat infested premises.	<i>Anyone experiencing severe flu like symptoms which may include double vision or hallucinations must see a doctor immediately.</i>	LOW				
Leptospirosis (Weil's disease)	Flu-like symptoms, 20% fatal	Anyone in contact with open water & rat infested premises.	<i>Carry a medical carry card describing the disease and show it to medical staff when seeking help. Also read Weil's disease and Tetanus assessments.</i>	LOW				
Lyme disease	Potentially fatal fever.	Those exposed to ticks in undergrowth frequented by deer	<i>Skin lesions at site of tick bite with flu-like symptoms. Cover all exposed skin whilst working or walking in undergrowth or high vegetation.</i>	LOW				

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Enzootic abortion	Abortion in pregnant women	Pregnant women in contact	<i>Exclude pregnant women from all contact with sheep. Vaccinate all breeding sheep.</i>	LOW				
Cryptosporidiosis	Diarrhoea, flu- like symptoms, can be fatal in children and those	Young children and those with weak immune	<i>Avoid contact with animal faeces. Ensure good personal hygiene. Clean pens between batches of animals.</i>	LOW				
Q-fever	Flu- like sympto	Exposure to sheep and cattle	<i>Practice good personal hygiene. Wear protective clothing and gloves to handle stock.</i>	LOW				
Brucellosis	Flu-like symptoms, depression	Exposure to cattle	<i>Eradication policy of DEFRA.</i>	LOW				
Bovine tuberculosis	Fever, weight loss	Exposure to	<i>Immunisation of exposed workers, practice good personal hygiene.</i>	LOW				
Streptococcus suis	Fever, weight loss	Exposure to pigs	<i>Avoid unhealthy stock, practice good personal hygiene. Read the Occupational Zoonoses ISBN 0 11 886397 5 and AIS 2,5 &19 from HSE.</i>	LOW				
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Fire	Burns and smoke inhalation. Possible serious injury/death plus property damage.	Anyone in vicinity.	<i>Fire exit signs will be displayed in any marquee and tent at all exits.</i>	LOW				
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Fire	Burns and smoke inhalation. Possible serious injury/death plus property damage.	Anyone in vicinity.	<i>All smaller tents to be able to evacuate all people rapidly. Tent organiser's to consult health and safety adviser if making any significant changes to size, usage and capacity of marquees.</i>	LOW				

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Fire	Burns and smoke inhalation. Possible serious injury/death plus property damage.	Anyone in vicinity.	<i>All petrol generators must be operated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and advice. They must be placed outside tents and sufficiently far away to present no significant risk. No refueling of running or hot petrol generators may be done unless the generator is constructed in such a way that no fuel leakage or fuel vapour can reach hot parts and ignite. All exhibitors must ensure that their safety policies cover this, and it must be drawn to their attention.</i>	LOW				
Vehicle Fire	Burns and smoke inhalation. Possible serious injury/death plus property damage.	Anyone in vicinity.	<i>Foam fire extinguishers to be stationed in main car parks to deal with any vehicle fire, catalyst setting grass /crop residues alight.</i> <i>Fire extinguishers present in all marquees. Brigade on site.</i> <i>Vehicles parked behind main tents must be kept 12 ft. away from the tents by a rope barrier.</i>	LOW				
Food poisoning.	Injury, trauma, illness	Anyone	<i>All persons involved in catering and in the preparation of food must be covered by holding food hygiene certificates as required by law or must be directly supervised by competent and responsible persons.</i>	LOW				
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Crowd Control	Injury, death	Any person	<i>Due consideration will be given to crowd control measures necessary and persons trained in crowd control. (E.g. Cabinet Offices Emergency Planning College course in running large events and crowd control.) will advise</i>	LOW				
Drinking water	Contamination due to temporary hoses.	Those using the standpipes provided by the field owners	<i>The water is tested before the event by a public laboratory to see that it is fit for use as drinking water.</i>	LOW				
Accidents on stands	Possible injury	Anyone	<i>All exhibitors must have public liability insurance</i>	LOW				

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Noise Levels	Hearing damage	Any person in the vicinity of the source.	Noise levels to be kept below the first action level. <i>Test will be made if levels are noticeably loud and remediation action will be taken.</i>	LOW				
Display screen work	Discomfort and possible musculoskeletal problems	Secretary and other staff.	<i>Display Screen assessments will be carried out every year for the use of computers and laptops. Free eyesight tests for staff are on offer and staff are encouraged to take these up. Spectacles for display screen work will be provided if necessary at the HDAA s expense.</i>	LOW				

