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What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing to control the risks?	What further action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?	When is the action needed by?
<b>Car Park – cars moving around – people &amp; dogs</b>	Dogs may run in front of or behind cars if not controlled and hit / be hit by cars	Dogs kept on leads and under supervised control by owners. Owners will be asked to take their dogs to the enclosed dog play park on arrival to wait for everyone to gather.	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners	On the day
<b>Other dogs</b>	Dogs may react to other dogs arriving to take part	Dogs kept on leads and under supervised control by owners	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners	On the day
<b>Uneven ground, slippery and wet underfoot</b>	People may slip and fall	Advise to wear suitable footwear and bring walking poles before hand	Advise to take care on the day and lead the group slowly if ground becomes slippery	Walkers / SM	Prior to the walk and on the day
<b>Biting Insects if hot etc</b>	People might react badly or be uncomfortable	Advise to carry bug-repellent	SM to carry bug repellent	Walkers / SM	Prior to the walk and on the day
<b>Heat / Sun</b>	People / Dogs get over heated / suffer from sunstroke	Advise to wear high factor sun screen and to carry sufficient water for them and their dogs. People also advised to wear protective clothing and hats.	Take regular walking breaks and allow dogs time to cool off in the streams along the route	Walkers / SM	Prior to the walk and on the day
<b>Newly sown crops – dogs running into them</b>	Crops / Farmers	Advise on responsible dog ownership prior to setting off	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Walkers / SM	On the day

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<b>Dog mess created along the route</b>	Wild animals and crops	Advise on responsible dog ownership prior to setting off	SM to carry spare doggy bags	Walkers / SM	On the day
<b>Horses or cyclists on bridleways</b>	People may be hit, dogs may be frightened, horses may be frightened	Advise to keep a watch out for other users and keep dogs on leads if horses / cyclists seen	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners / Walkers	On the day
<b>The Mile</b>	Dogs may run out onto road and hit / be hit by vehicles	Dogs kept on leads and under supervised control by owners	Restate on the day as we approach roads to put dogs back on leads if they are off-lead	Dog Owners and SM	On the day
<b>The Mile Footpath – overhanging nettles</b>	People may get nettled. People may have extreme adverse reactions	Prior warn walkers to wear long trousers / shirts and to be careful. Emergency numbers to be taken on the morning before setting off	Restate on the day as we approach footpath to take care	Walkers and SM	Prior to the walk and on the day
<b>Kilnwick Percy Golf Course Section</b>	Walks / dogs may be hit by low flying golf balls / dogs may try and interfere with play	Keep dogs on leads and to the footpaths. Keep a watchful eye out for golfers and pause if play is taking place	Advise on the day	Dog Owners and SM	On the day
<b>Kilnwick Percy Road</b>	Potential of cars and other traffic and dogs may hit / be hit by cars	Keep dogs on leads	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog Owners	On the day
<b>Nettles overhanging footpath along Yorkshire Wolds Way towards Millington</b>	People may get nettled. People may have extreme adverse reactions	Prior warn walkers to wear long trousers / shirts and to be careful. Emergency numbers to be taken on the morning before setting off	Restate on the day as we approach footpath to take care	Walkers and SM	Prior to the walk and on the day

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<b>Horses on descent to Millington</b>	People may be scared of horses / dogs may scare the horses	Keep dogs on lead and keep walkers on a route as far as possible from the horses	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Walkers and SM	Prior to the walk and on the day
<b>Livestock in field in descent into Millington</b>	Livestock worried (cows or sheep) Cows in evidence 27.06.24)	Pre-checked and cows in evidence but away from the trail.	If on the day the cows (or sheep) are in evidence dogs will be put on leads, kept under close control and the group will walk slowly in single file past them	Dog Owners and SM	Pre-check on test walk and on the day
<b>Dogs may run off if not kept under control</b>	May unexpectedly come across livestock or ground nesting birds	Keep dogs under close supervision	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Dog owners	On the day
<b>Trapped fingers in gate latches</b>	Trapped fingers	Walkers to read risk assessment and SM to unlatch gates	Reinforce messages on the day	Walkers and Owners	On the day
<b>Road through Millington and the Balk</b>	Owners to read risk assessment posted on WTW web site	Advise on the day to be mindful of oncoming vehicles. Keep dogs on leads	Reinforce messages on the day	Walkers and Dog Owners	On the day
<b>Livestock in field in Given Dale</b>	Livestock worried (cows or sheep) Cows not in evidence 27.06.24)	Pre-checked and cows not in evidence, but could be moved on the day	If on the day the cows are in evidence dogs will be put on leads, kept under close control and the group will walk slowly in single file past them	Dog Owners and SM	Pre-check on test walk and on the day
<b>Road in Great Givendale</b>	Potential of cars and other traffic and dogs may hit / be hit by cars	Keep dogs on leads and to the grass verges if required. Walk facing oncoming traffic	Advise on the day	Dog Owners and SM	On the day
<b>Footpath from Great Givendale Road – overhanging nettles (may</b>	People may get nettled. People may have extreme adverse reactions	Prior warn walkers to wear long trousers / shirts and to be careful. Emergency	Restate on the day as we approach footpath to take care	Walkers and SM	Prior to the walk and on the day

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<b>now have been cut back as machinery in evidence in 27.06.24)</b>		numbers to be taken on the morning before setting off			
<b>Cut grass on footpaths obscuring holes and trip hazards</b>	People may trip and fall. Sprained ankles or similar	Advise to wear suitable footwear and bring walking poles	Advise to take care on the day and lead the group slowly	Walkers / SM	Prior to the walk and on the day
<b>Mud in Grimthorpe Wood</b>	People may slip, trip and fall. Sprained ankles or similar	Advise to wear suitable footwear and bring walking poles	Advise to take care on the day and lead the group slowly around any very muddy sections	Walkers / SM	Prior to the walk and on the day
<b>Fallen Tree in Grimthorpe Wood</b>	People and dogs may have difficulty negotiating it	Advise of the fallen tree in prior information	Advise to take care on the day and lead the group slowly	Walkers / SM	Prior to the walk and on the day
<b>Potential of tree felling in Grimthorpe Wood</b>	Watch for any activity on the day, and remain at a distance from activity / wait for it to finish. Keep dogs onleads	Walkers to read risk assessment and SM to unlatch gates	Reinforce messages on the day	Walkers and Owners	On the day
<b>Stile at the end of Grimthorpe Wood</b>	Potential of dogs not being able to cross it. Walkers having to turn back. Walkers may also have difficulty climbing it and may slip	Advise prior to the day. Tested being able to get underneath with Bill (Golden Retriever)	Send out photographs of the stile prior to the day, so that people can decide if it can be cleared by them and their dogs	Walkers / SM	Prior to the walk and on the day
<b>Stile at Ousethorpe Farm</b>	Larger dogs will not be able to cross it. (small dogs will be able to go underneath). Alternative route found to bypass it by taking a short detour	Advised prior to the day. SM to lead owners and larger dogs on short detour. AB to stay with other walkers who can use the stile	Send out photographs of the stile prior to the day, so that people can decide if it can be cleared by them and their dogs	Walkers / SM	Prior to the walk and on the day

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<b>The Mile (100yards of no footpath)</b>	Dogs may run out onto road and hit / be hit by vehicles	Dogs kept on leads and under supervised control by owners	Restate on the day as we approach roads to put dogs back on leads if they are off-lead	Dog Owners and SM	On the day
<b>First aid requirements</b>	Caused by walking in the countryside	SM to carry first aid kit/. Walkers to carry own first aid kits. Advice given along the way if paths uneven or new hazard identified. Steady walking pace.	None	SM	On the day
<b>Emergency Contacts</b>	May be required if accidents occur	SM to gather emergency contacts before setting off	None	SM	On the day