

Bike Active North Suffolk	Halesworth Millennium Green Risk Assessment	Rev 001 Iss 02/06/2025
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This is a site-specific Risk Assessment for Bike Active North Suffolk sessions held at the Millennium Green in Halesworth (HMG, part of Sustrans NCN1), and details the additional safeguards applying on that route. It is additional to, and needs to be read in conjunction with, our Generic Risk Assessment.

**Overview of Route:**

This is approximately a 1.2-mile linear route in Halesworth (0.6 miles in each direction) along a section of Sustrans NCN1 as it passes from the town park through the Millennium Green (i.e. a designated non-vehicular cycle and pedestrian path). The route runs from the basketball area in the town park, to a point at the "Six Arches" railway bridge on "Woolnough Way" before it meets the Mells/Wenhaston Road at the southern end. At this point the ride turns around and retraces the route back to the basketball court.

There are no road vehicle access points or uses of the shared pedestrian/cycle track, which itself has a fully-metalled surface. There are several points along the route where other pedestrian footpaths meet or cross this route. The associated risks and safeguarding measures are detailed below. There are no dwellings accessed via this section of the NCN1 route.

The overall risk assessment for this route is deemed to be low.

**Potential Hazards:-** (In addition to those set out in our Generic Risk Assessment)

- Collisions or near collisions with other shared pedestrian/cycle path users
- Encountering dogs (with or without leads) along the route
- Livestock (mainly cattle) that graze the marshes along the route
- Cattle grids and gates through which the route passes

**Risk Level:**

Low

**Additional Control Measures to Mitigate Risk:-** (In addition to those set out in our Generic Risk Assessment)

1. Prior to every session, warning signs will be placed at the following points along the route, to warn other road users of the presence of cyclists with disabilities.

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- Start and end of this shared route
  - Main intersections with other footpath(s)
2. The designated lead cyclist on every session, will consider any livestock, dog or other path user hazards as the group approaches, warning those other users as required, and paying particular attention to dog leads.

The ride leader will also ensure that any livestock gates are opened and safely secured for the passing of the group.

3. On every session, the designated rear cyclist (if assigned by the RL), in high visibility fluorescent jacket, will ride behind the group to provide warning and protection from approaching cyclists and/or pedestrians/runners approaching from the rear.

In addition the rear cyclist will re-close any gates opened by the lead rider, to prevent escape or straying of livestock.

**Approved by:**

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