

Summary of Risk Assessments

Activity	Hazards	Controls	Remaining risk
Viewing and handling the exhibits	Injury from handling deer antlers e.g. to eyes or ears	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adequate supervision of the children by teachers and support staff. 	Very low
	Injury from handling vole bones e.g. swallowing bones or putting them in the ears	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adequate supervision of the children by teachers and support staff. 	Very low
	Injury from handling feathers e.g. to eyes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adequate supervision of the children by teachers and support staff. 	Very low
	Infection from handling animal bones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most bones have been found, cleaned by the elements or have been buried for several months until they are clean. Bones found inside owl pellets have been stripped bare by the owl's digestive juices. All bones have been soaked for several hours in a strong bleach solution. This is the method recommended by several reference books (Hamlyn Guide – Animal Tracks, Trails and Signs p 278, Helm Identification Guides – Tracks and Signs of the Birds of Britain and Europe, p25.) Adequate supervision of group by responsible adults. All children and staff are required to wash their hands in air drying anti bacterial hand wash, supplied by The Nature Collection, as they leave. 	Very low

	Infection from handling feathers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All feathers have been soaked for several hours in a solution of water and washing up liquid. This is the method recommended by Helm Identification Guides – Tracks and Signs of the Birds of Britain and Europe, p 25. Adequate supervision of group by responsible adults. All children and staff are required to wash their hands in air drying anti bacterial hand wash, supplied by The Nature Collection, as they leave. 	Very low
	Allergies from handling rabbit fur or deer hair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adequate supervision of group by responsible adults. Teachers will be aware of what the collection contains and should find out in advance if any child is likely to be allergic to the exhibits. These exhibits can be removed if necessary. 	Very low
Breaking open owl pellets	Injury from tweezers or wooden sticks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adequate supervision of group by responsible adults. 	Very low
	Infection from touching or eating the pellet or its contents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposable rubber gloves will be provided, by The Nature Collection, for all children and staff who wish to touch the pellets and the contents. All pellets are soaked in a bleach solution before being distributed to the groups of children. The bones found inside the pellets are soaked again in a bleach solution, when they are discovered. Adequate supervision of group by responsible adults. Air drying anti bacterial soap will be provided by The Nature Collection and all children and staff will be required to wash their hands prior to leaving. 	Very low