



New Leaf Triangle Clipping Risk Assessment

Address: Goadby Lane, Chadwell, Melton Mowbray, LE14 4LP

ASSESSOR/JOB TITLE: Director

Name: Troy Shaw

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REVIEW DATE: 04/04/2019

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REVIEW DATE: 20/04/2021

Reviewed by: Emily Field (Site 2 coordinator)

REVIEWED BY: EMILY FIELD, 27/07/2023 (Site 2 student coordinator) - no changes made

REVIEWED: 15/09/2025 by Emily Field (Vocational Manager)

KEY

RISK MATRIX

Risk = Probability (Frequency) x Consequence (Severity)

CONSEQUENCE (Severity)			
	Severe (3)	Moderate (2)	Minor (1)
Frequent (3)	9	6	3
Occasional (2)	6	4	2
Rare (1)	3	2	1

Context

New Leaf Triangle is an outdoor learning centre for individuals with a range of disabilities, autism and mental health conditions. The main activities at New Leaf Triangle take place at the 2 main sites situated on Goadby Road, Chadwell, Melton Mowbray, LE14 4LP (site 1) and Eastwell Road Site 2). The sites are 2 and a half acres and 5 and a half acres of undulating ridge and furrow grassland with a 20 X 40m sand, fibre and rubber menage at site one and 20 X 40m sand and rubber ménage at site two.

Site 1 Buildings:

9M x 8M steel barn, with steel anti condensation roof, containing 4 internal stables with a 3M wide roller shutter door. Stable partitions are steel framed with wooden panelling and steel grills. The barn is lined with 1.2cm ply board to 2.5M height. Means of escape – 3M wide roller shutter door

Two 3.6M x 3.6 M wooden stables adjoined. Means of escape - standard stable doors in each

3M x 3M wooden tool/feed shed. Means of escape – standard full wooden door.

5M X 3M log cabin, consisting of a single room. Means of escape – 2 French style doors opening outwards 1.5M

Goat pen with 2 small goats sheds

1 large chicken run with 3 sections with metal mesh and bark surface and one small run parallel to the fence near the air rifle range with a hutch with bedding and feed stations.

There is a designated fenced off air rifle shooting area and archery area with an undercover shelter.

Two 2.5M x 3.5M log cabins in a small paddock next to the air rifle shooting area. Means of escape – 2 French style doors opening outwards 1.2M. One 3M x 5M log cabin woodworking area with wooden horses and shelving units. This also contains a tool box attached to the wall and multiple areas of stored wood.

Small upright lockable metal tool shed containing all tools and equipment stored in the car park next to the portaloo. Also in the car park is a towable muck trailer with a self contained ramp access and a portaloo for staff use only.

13Mx3M log cabin with 4 separate rooms with large windows and raised wooden walkway platform.

Site 2 Buildings:

36 X 34ft wooden American style barn with 6 stables

5M X 5M log cabin consisting of a single room. Means of escape – 2 French style doors opening outwards 1.5M

Two 3.6M x 3.6 M wooden stables adjoined. Means of escape - standard stable doors in each. Used as a feed shed and workshop.

2.5M X 2M Tool shed

2.5M X 2M Toilet shed

Approx 2.5m² field shelter next to toilet shed

1 wooden shelter housing hay, straw and menage equipment in car park / yard area

4M x 3M log cabin consisting of a single room, 2 French style doors opening outwards 1.5M

1 large caravan utilised as a small meeting room with a generator and gas fire.

1 green portaloo

The perimeter fencing is mainly hawthorn and blackthorn hedge, square stock wire with some rails in places. Access is via a drive (approximately 80m long) which leads into the main car park and yard area. The surfaced (sand, fibre, rubber) Horseback Archery track runs down the middle of the two turnout fields and is lined with posts and electric tape. There are two small surfaced paddocks home to two ponies at the end of it nearest the yard. Most fencing is post electric tape but is post and rail in places. Access to the right hand (larger) turnout field and the surfaced paddock for ponies is via a small metal gate to the site of the field shelter. Access to the left hand field is through two metal 5 bar gates directly from the car park / yard.

ACTION PLAN

FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED	BY WHOM	TARGET DATE	COMPLETED
REVIEWED 20/04/2021 – Adding that students can be involved in clipping in pre-agreed circumstances and under specific conditions. Use a circuit breaker if using the mains clippers at site 2 (run off generator). Adding section 6 (risk of burns).			

NUMBER	HAZARD/POSSIBLE OUTCOME	GROUPS	RISK RATING	CONTROLS
1	Being kicked by the horse	Staff Students	3	Only trained personnel to be involved with clipping including the actual clipping of the horse and holding the horse. Students can be involved in the clipping process if this is pre-agreed with Troy or Lorraine. Any students handling the horse should be on horse care courses and deemed competent. The horse should have been clipped previously at NLT. If it is the horses first time being clipped at NLT, staff should handle the horse until they have been assessed as good to clip. See "One stop horse log" for specific details on clipping each horse. Ensure there is enough time to complete the task so there is no requirement to rush. If the horse is known to be bad to clip arrange for the vet to sedate before clipping.
2	Electric shock due to horse standing on cable	Staff Students	3	If possible use battery clippers. When mains clippers are used the operator must keep the cable away from the horses feet as per clipping training. Use a circuit breaker on the plug socket when using the mains clippers.

3	Being trampled by the horse	Staff Students	3	Only trained personnel to be involved with clipping including the actual clipping of the horse and holding the horse. Students can be involved in the clipping process if this is pre-agreed with Troy or Lorraine. Any students handling the horse should be on horse care courses and deemed competent. The horse should have been clipped previously at NLT. If it is the horses first time being clipped at NLT, staff should handle the horse until they have been assessed as good to clip. See "One stop horse log" for specific details on clipping each horse. Ensure there is enough time to complete the task so there is no requirement to rush. If the horse is known to be bad to clip arrange for the vet to sedate before clipping.
4	Cuts to the horse's skin	Horse	2	Ensure the clipping blades are sharp. Ensure log is completed to say how many clips each pair of blades has done. Blades should be sharpened when no longer cutting well. Blades go to Riseholme Country Store, Wysal, to be sharpened. Ensure the clippers are not allowed to overheat. Follow the correct procedures for pulling the horses skin taught. Keep the clipping area free of distractions e.g. phones and students apart from those involved in the clipping as part of their horse care courses. If the horse is known to be bad to clip arrange for the vet to sedate before clipping.
5	Head injury due to the horse hitting your head.	Staff Students	3	Ensure that the clipper operator and horse holder wear hard hats. If the horse is known to be bad to clip arrange for the vet to sedate before clipping. See "One stop horse log" for specific details on clipping each horse.

6	Receiving burn from clippers getting hot	Horse Staff students	2	Ensure the clippers are oiled regularly, before and throughout clipping, as taught in training. Staff should regularly check the temperature of the clippers to ensure they are not burning the horse. if clippers are hot, clipping should stop and the clippers be allowed to cool. Clipping should only re-start once the clippers are cool again. If students are clipping, staff should encourage them to check the temperature regularly, and do so themselves also.
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I have read and understand the New Leaf Triangle Clipping Risk Assessment above and agree to follow its guidelines

Staff Name	Signature	Date

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