

## COVID-19 CSS UPPER PITTS RISK SCENARIO ANALYSIS

### Purpose

This analysis has been prepared to facilitate decisions about options for the safe reopening of Upper Pitts to overnight and day visitors during the Covid-19 pandemic. Only risks related to transmission of the virus are considered. Suggested mitigations and recommendations are designed to reduce the risk of transmission. No recommendations are made in this document whether Upper Pitts should reopen for a particular type of use, since there are other factors involved such as statutory legislation issued by the Government, and any decisions should be ratified by the Wessex Cave Club committee.

### General Points

Upper Pitts does not employ cleaning staff, and the warden does not supervise residents during their stay. There is a consequent risk of non-adherence to social distancing rules and cleaning of shared facilities may not take place. Mitigations: comprehensive signage; assigning facilities to designated groups. Hand sanitiser to be provided at entry and exit points.

Although there are midweek visitors, most use of Upper Pitts takes place at weekends. The risk of coronavirus remaining active on surfaces from one weekend to the next is considered to be low.

Risk that members or guests turn up without booking. To mitigate this, strictly no residents or campers without prior booking. Members need to be reminded of this rule via all available channels.

### Risk Assessment by Location

Location	Mode of transmission	Level of risk	Mitigations / Recommendations / Comments
Bunkrooms  CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE	airborne	High for more than one Household per room.	Opening the window will help air circulation, but risk will remain significant. There are two bunkrooms separated by several doors. Risk of transmission between the two rooms is minimal provided doors are kept closed when both areas are occupied. Recommend signage to remind residents to do both of these.
	surfaces	medium	light switches, door handles, windows. Recommend regular cleaning (although this won't happen at night time when contamination may occur)
Library	airborne	Medium if maximum 2 people in the room	Little ventilation, and opening windows is not always a good option. Signage on door indicating limit on number of people
	surfaces	medium	Various surfaces could become contaminated, and a thorough cleaning regime is not practical. Level of use is generally lower than other areas of the cottage. Mitigation – provision of hand sanitizer and signage to use before entry; recommend hand-washing afterwards.
Common Room  CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE	airborne	Med/high (med if limited to 6 people from different Household)	No mitigations realistically possible. Ventilation could be improved by opening windows, but unlikely to happen when colder weather sets in! An additional risk is that campers will want to socialise indoors with residents, and exceed numbers where social distancing is possible.
	surfaces	medium	Particularly tables, chairs and doors. Recommend regular cleaning.

Toilets	airborne	medium	Low if windows are opened. Leave toilet doors open after use.
	surfaces	medium	Make use of signage to remind people to wash hands properly Provide cloth and bleach spray to wipe down toilet seat, flush handle, taps etc. One person at a time
Showers	airborne	low/med	Extractor fans run automatically
	surfaces	low/med	Provide cloth and bleach spray to wipe down before and after use. Mitigation – one person / family bubble at a time to use changing room / showers
Changing room	airborne	low/med for max 3 people	Use this space for changing for showers only; changing for caving can be done outside. Provide signage to reinforce these rules. NB – access also required to this area for cave keys, club tackle, rescue store (see below).
	surfaces	Low/med	Numerous surfaces, many touched infrequently. Difficult to ensure all get cleaned.
Tackle Store	airborne	Low for single use	Access required to this area for cave keys, club tackle.
	surfaces	Low/med	Signing out book touched infrequently. Difficult to ensure all get cleaned. Returned tackle to be placed on locker room racking
Locker room	airborne	low/med for max 3 people	Use this space for locker / storage access and battery charging only. Provide signage to reinforce these rules. Racking only for returned tackle
	surfaces	Low/med	Numerous surfaces, many touched infrequently. Difficult to ensure all get cleaned.
Kitchen  CURRENTLY ONLY AVAILABLE FOR BEVERAGES	airborne	medium/low for max 2 people.	People tend to face the hobs / work surfaces so are back-to-back. Often the window is open for ventilation during cooking.
	surfaces	medium	Particularly work tops, microwaves, toaster, kettles. Cooking temperatures will kill the virus, and people tend to wash hands before and after food preparation. Minimise numbers cooking by restricting this to residents only. Minimise by not allowing storage of food in kitchen, including in fridges. Minimise by only allowing use of kettles initially. (As more facilities are introduced change this eg microwave, then fridges, then cookers.) Provide cleaning materials and instructions to wipe down surfaces <u>promptly</u> after use. Recommend signage to remind people to wash hand before preparing food or drinks.
Garden (camping)	airborne	Very low	Main risk is that campers will not socially distance when going into Upper Pitts.
	surfaces	low/med	main risk is door handles etc when accessing the hut. Recommend campers bring hand sanitiser.

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