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Hazard identified	Who may be harmed	Initial level of risk	Action to be taken to reduce risk	Resultant risk level
Animal Interaction	Staff / Volunteers / Members of the public	HIGH Potential exposure to animal-borne diseases through direct or indirect contact, particularly <i>Cryptosporidium</i> and <i>Escherichia Coli</i> O157.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entry into the animal barn is ticket controlled. Only those with valid tickets will be admitted. The ticket purchasing journey includes detailed information on the risks of lamb feeding, including at-risk groups who will not be permitted. This information, in the form of a video, approved by Public Health, and signage, will be presented prior to entry. Signage will also be present throughout the experience. The staff (managed by Watermeadow Park) will ensure rules are followed within the animal barn and monitor that the public thoroughly wash their hands to the recommended standards that staff have been trained in from Public Health. Their hands must be washed with warm water (43°C) and liquid soap after feeding lambs, which is available in the animal shed. If visitors refuse to follow the safety instructions or there is an incident of concern, then the staff will record the incident and report to the necessary team. They will be asked to leave if their actions pose a risk to themselves, the animals, other visitors or staff. Watermeadow Park are responsible for ensuring that all staff and volunteers follow the training and guidance on keeping safe within the animal barn. All staff involved in the animal barn operations must wash their clothing on a 60°C wash after every day of use, new clean clothes must be worn the next day. Footwear must be cleaned everyday (hands to be washed following the correct procedure after touching footwear). Public will be advised to wash their clothes on a 60°C wash after visiting the animal barn. Everyone must walk through the foot dip upon entry and 	Medium

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Lack of Safety Knowledge	Staff / Volunteers / Members of the public	HIGH Due to lack of knowledge of the risk, serious health issues and contraction of animal-borne viruses could occur.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear signage across the estate and within the animal barn outlining the safety guidance and rules. • Pre-event safety guidance and rules will be sent out to all visitors prior to their visit to ensure they are aware of the potential risks and what preventive measures are in place. As part of this guidance, visitors will be informed of what to avoid wearing or bringing into the barn. This will then be enforced by CHE entry staff and Watermeadow staff once inside the barn. • Management team will ensure that any member of staff or volunteer 	Low

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Unpredictable weather	Staff / Volunteers / Members of the public	<p>Medium Adverse weather conditions leading to unsafe conditions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The marquee will be hired from Chelsea Hire. As this is a temporary structure, we will be following their guidance on safe operating conditions. Part of this guidance covers adverse weather conditions and how to operate safely during it. There are clear limits within this guidance that confirm when it is unsafe to operate within or around the structure. Chester House Estate and Watermeadow Park event management will monitor weather conditions and ensure that we work within these guidelines. Where the predicted weather exceeds safe 	Low

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Management of restricted areas	Staff / Volunteers / Members of the public	Medium Restricted areas are a higher risk for injury, contamination, and access to equipment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas restricted to the public will be clearly signposted and blocked off by pedestrian barriers. • Adults are required to always ensure the supervision of children, ensuring that they aren't entering restricted areas. • Only trained and experienced Watermeadow Park staff are permitted to enter the pens to reduce the risk of staff injury from the animals. Watermeadow Park staff will only enter the pens if necessary to complete their task. • Staff will be trained in storing tools and equipment in a safe way to avoid trip hazards within the restricted areas, and out of reach of visitors. Staff will be trained to keep these areas clear of animal waste and keep on top of disease management. 	Low

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Animal Well Being	All animals within the barn	<p>High Incorrect management and care of the animals would result in loss or harm to the animals.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors are required to sanitise their hands and walk through the foot dip (to sanitise their footwear) when they arrive to the animal barn to reduce the spread of human-to-animal transmission of disease. • Adequate shelter to provide warmth to the cade lambs to replicate the warmth provided by an Ewe. • Adequate structure to ensure protection for the cade lambs from predators. • Dogs are not permitted in the lamb barn to keep the lambs safe from adverse behavior, which may startle or injure the lambs. Assistance dogs will be permitted but must be kept on the lead at all times while on CHE property. • Watermeadow Park staff will ensure the correct process of milk production is always followed. This will include the proper sterilization of bottles, the correct consistency, temperature, and quantity of milk. • Making sure that all animals are up to date with vaccinations. • Watermeadow Park are responsible for the welfare of the animals, including checking for signs of illness and injury. Watermeadow Park will work alongside vets to aid recovery. • To ensure that animals are provided with fresh and clean bedding consistently, mucking out will be completed as required. • Watermeadow Park staff are the only people permitted to handle the animals to reduce injury and stress to the animals. • Visitors are guided on how to properly bottle feed the lambs to avoid the ingestion of air which can cause illness to the lambs. Visitors will be assigned pens to control and avoid underfeeding or overfeeding of lambs. • Animal recording to be in line with DEFRA requirements. 	<p>Medium</p>
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