

## Risk assessment

Name of activity, event, and location	1 <sup>st</sup> Broxbourne Scout Group Troop Hill Walking - Hiking	Date of risk assessment	17 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Andy Barnard
		Date of next review	15 <sup>th</sup> March 2025		

What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Hazard - extreme weather Risk – hyperthermia / Sunstroke	All	Appropriate clothing to be used/available - wet/cold weather gear/warm clothing. Hot weather - suncream, hat. Water or hot drink to be carried (all day hike). To be checked before setting off. <i>Kit check of bags before departure on activity to be completed</i>	
Hazard - Uneven/wet/slippery ground Risk - falling injuring themselves/death	All	Leaders trained in what to do in the case of emergency (first aid/one to stay with injured/two to go for help (if no mobile coverage available), write down grid reference before leaving/use tent/survival shelter/get out of wet clothing) Personal first aid kits to be carried by all individuals, with one adult carrying. Walking boots to be worn.	
Hazard - getting lost Risk - Unable to find way to meeting point	All	Emergency rations to be carried on hikes. Pre-planned route to be carried and provided to leaders and keep in touch coordinator. Compass and maps to be carried. Emergency phone/whistle per group Emergency shelter or tent carried. Discussions in preplanning meeting of escape routes to civilisation	
Hazard - traffic Risk - getting knocked down by vehicle/death.	All	Route to avoid roads where possible, footbridges/pedestrian crossing to be used.	

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Hazard - cooking equipment/fuel Risk - burns and scolds	All	Pretraining to include correct usage of cooking equipment and first aid.	No plans for cooking on hike currently and all leaders have necessary training to use if necessary
Bad weather – Extreme weather	All	routes selected to match equipment levels of YP taking part, with options to return to sheltered route built into plans.	
Party Separation, Risk of a member of party going off route into dangerous situation	All	Good ratio of leaders to YP maintained for hikes Leaders situated at front and rear of party and frequent head counts taken. YP given specific instructions to keep within party area, this includes those wishing to walk at faster pace than main party to wait for rest of party and not go out of sight. Break out points on route planned if some YP struggle with planned route, to include extra options for these YP to allow change of plans.	

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