

Description of activity / event:	DISTRICT INCIDENT HIKE - STAMFORD BRIDGE 2024	Date of Risk Assessment:	13/12/2023	Date of review:	
		Risk assessment completed by:	S P SAYER	Checked by:	

What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks controlled? additional controls are needed?	What	What has changed that needs to be thought about or controlled?
A hazard - something that may cause harm or damage. The risk is the harm that may occur from the hazard	For example: Young People, Adult volunteers, Visitors	Controls are ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk of it. For example: you may use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way you do the activity.		Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change what you are doing or even stop the activity. This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.
Mistakes when navigating – leading to increased risk of all other hazards. Additional consequences of being lost and exhausted, especially if late or after dark.	All those taking part	Make sure routes are suitable for peoples navigational skills. Provide each group with adequate maps, compasses, route instructions and spares. Ensure there is at least 1 competent navigator in each group, consider back ups. Ensure each group has adequate means of communication and is aware of who the event organisers are or adequately monitored.		Weather conditions to be monitored and route modified if required. Escape routes are identified on route card if conditions deteriorate.
Roads and traffic - injuries from collisions between people and vehicles.	All those taking part	Brief scouts on safety around roads and expected behaviour. Walk on the right hand side of the road and facing on coming traffic. Adults to directly supervise crossing roads.		
Weather - rain before and during the hike, hot weather causing heat exhaustion or sun stroke.	All those taking part	Monitor weather forecast in advance, consider alternative route or activity if bad weather is forecast or cancel event all together. Advise participants on suitable clothing (including sun protection and waterproofs) Check everyone has a filled water bottle and provide guidance on fluid intake throughout the event with refill points available as required. Kit inspection before setting off to ensure everybody has sufficient equipment, spares to be available where possible.		Check weather forecast in advance. Consider changes in weather during the day, i.e. sunny after a rainy start.
Terrain - uneven ground, branches, nettles, poor underfoot conditions, livestock/animals.	All those taking part	Leaders to check route beforehand for any unforeseen changes. Advise participants on suitable footwear and check before hike. Brief participants on terrain beforehand, including avoiding nettles, brambles, invasive flora, livestock, and so on. Leaders to carry first aid kits and have suitable training. Encourage participants to wear long trousers if concerns over flora or ticks. Monitor livestock arrangements and consider alternative routes if required.		