

Risk assessment

Name of activity, event, and location	Litter Picking	Date of risk assessment	23/03/2026	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Alison Cook
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What could go wrong? What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	What are you going to do about it? How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed? How will they be communicated to young people and adults and remain inclusive to all needs?	Review & revise What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Hazards, broken glass, sharp objects, dogs mess Risk cuts grazes, injuries	All	Only litter pickers provided by the leaders are to be used to pick up these objects & broken glass or sharp objects are to be picked up by your leader in charge. Squirrels to point out objects for adults to pick up Adults only handle difficult objects. Leader to carry newspaper to wrap any sharp things before placing in the bag Leaders to carry first Aid kit rucksack	Nothing
Hazards- Roads. Risk of injury from moving vehicles when walking along or crossing roads	All	Walk in pairs and stay on the path. Leaders to supervise crossing the road. Adults to walk on roadside of path High viz jackets to be worn by everyone over uniform/clothing	hi viz worn by everyone attending
Hazard- Ratio of adults to children Risk, injury /death due to insufficient adult supervision	Young Person	Minimum requirements for outside activities as per POR	
Hazard – lost person Risk death/injury	Young Person	Head count before leaving the hut & at regular intervals along the route & before returning to the hut Adults to be vigilant all the time	
Hazard handling the rubbish Risk illness or disease	Young person	All young people attending are to bring & wear gloves. Encouraged to wash their hands straight after the litter pick on return to the hut. Sanitiser to be carried incase Adults to wear gloves too	Amended squirrels to all young people attending
Hazards Dogs, Risk injury, death animals	All	Discuss dangers before setting out, mention dangers on OSM Do not approach or touch dogs or any other animals If a dog approached stand still hands tucked in	
Hazard allergic reaction to bee/wasp sting Risk injury/death	All	Check OSM for anyone who may have an allergic reaction & carry appropriate medication if required.	

Don't forget, as part of your programme planning, you should have contingency activities in reserve just in case you can't do what was planned or you need to stop half way through. Make sure this is shared with those involved, so everyone knows how to respond. You should have risk assessed contingency activities prior to them taking place and communicated key information to those involved as with all activities.

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