2nd Goring and Streatley Scout Group Risk Assessment

Assessor and Position:

Date Assessed:

## Outdoor Wide Game Recreation Group

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| **Significant Hazards and Associated Risks** | **Those who might be harmed** | **Control Measures** |
| Inclement weather | All | * Check weather forecast in advance and adjust to forecast * Dress for the weather. Wear appropriate clothing (coats, jackets etc.) * Briefing * Group shelter or emergency equipment carried by leader/member * Alternate/escape route available. |
| Roads and traffic | All | * Safety briefing * High Visibility vests/tabards to be used by all participants, as required * Avoid main roads at dusk * Walk on right hand side of road if there is no path |
| Crags, cliffs, steep ground | All | * Avoid dangerous areas |
| Water crossings | All | * Can the crossing be avoided? * Where to cross: view the river from a high bank * Adequate training for river crossings |
| Scrambling sections | All | * Briefing |
| Trips and falls | All | * Initial safety briefing and reinforcement when appropriate during the walk * Correct footwear worn * First aid kit carried * First aid training |
| Getting lost | All | * Planned routes held by nominated contact * Escape routes in place (also held by nominated contact) * Maps and compasses to be carried * Adequate map reading training * Group to have at least one mobile phone with contact numbers (must be stressed not to rely on phone) * Regular head counts by group leaders |
| Heatstroke, sunburn, and dehydration | All | * First Aid kit and training for group * Check weather forecasts in advanced * Suitable equipment for journey * Instruct groups on importance of hats and water * Members to bring own suitable water bottle with water |

## Additional: low light conditions

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| **Significant Hazards and Associated Risks** | **Those who might be harmed** | **Control Measures** |
| Injury due to low light | All | * Use a torch when moving around in darkness * Take extra care moving around at night * Do not shine torches in people’s faces—it dazzles them and makes it difficult to see for a while * Tilt head torches down if possible. If dazzled, stop until you are sure it is safe to move again |
| Collisions due to running about with limited visibility | All | * Do not run around trees and other large objects |