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.
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| 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
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| Crags, cliffs, steep ground | All | * Avoid dangerous areas
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| Water crossings | All  | * Can the crossing be avoided?
* Where to cross: view the river from a high bank
* Adequate training for river crossings
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| Scrambling sections | All | * Briefing
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| Trips and falls | All | * Initial safety briefing and reinforcement when appropriate during the walk
* Correct footwear worn
* First aid kit carried
* First aid training
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| 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
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| 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
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## 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
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| Collisions due to running about with limited visibility | All | * Do not run around trees and other large objects
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