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| **Risk Assessment**  **(OSM)** | **Urban Hike** | **Date of risk assessment** | **10th September 2024** | **Name of person doing this risk assessment** | **Iain Roy** |
| **Category**  **(OSM)** | **Hikes** | **Date of next review** | **9th September 2026** |

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| **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?** |
| Overexcitement and not following rules or instructions leading to injury | Young people  Leaders | * Section code of conduct in place to set clear expectations of behaviour. * Explain the purpose of the hike clearly using age-appropriate language. * Monitor the mood level throughout the hike. * Use a clear communication to stop the hike – everyone should stop as soon as they hear two blasts on the whistle or anyone shouting stop. * Leader ratio of 1 adult to 4 Squirrels + 1 as a minimum at all times. * Leader ratio of 1 adult to 6 Beavers + 1 as a minimum at all times. * Leader ratio of 1 adult to 8 Cubs + 1 as a minimum at all times. * Leader ratio of 1 adult to 12 scouts + 1 as a minimum at all times. |  |
| Safeguarding Issues | Young people  Leaders | * Yellow Card rules at all times. * Consider closer supervision for children with SEN. |  |
| First Aid | Young people  Leaders | * All leaders to have up to date First Response Training. * Designated first aider will be qualified and in attendance. * First Aid kit to be available close to activity. * Mobiles / Access to telephone at all times to call emergency services if need be. |  |
| Drop off and Pick Up | Young people  Leaders | * Drop off and Pick Up Point to be suitable for a safe drop off and pick up * Participants to be able to wait safely at start and end of activity |  |
| Wet/Cold Weather | Young people  Leaders | * Leaders to check and ensure that participants have suitable clothing and footwear. Re-arrange night hike if weather is deemed unsuitable. |  |
| Night Time Visibility | Young people  Leaders | * Leaders to check and ensure that Scouts have torches and high visibiity clothing at all times. |  |
| General risk of slips, trips, or falls, and injuries caused by collisions | Young people  Leaders | * Make sure that particpants are wearing appropriate footwear and laces are tied. * First aid if required. |  |
| Risk of harm due to young people picking up unsafe objects | Young people  Leaders | * Advise participants beforehand and during the walk to not touch anything untowards without checking with a Leader. * First aid if required. |  |
| Traffic and Moving Vehicles | Young people  Leaders | * Young people briefed on road safety using age-appropriate language. * Young people briefed on other hazards e.g., railway crossings * Young people will be crossing roads and there may be some road walking. * Single file when necessary and watch and wait system in place for passing cars. * Young people to carefully cross railways when safe to do so under leader instruction * High Vis Jackets for persons at front and rear as a minimum. * Red light on backpack of person at rear if dark. * Leader support when crossing roads. |  |
| Lost group member | Young people  Leaders | * Route cards to be checked prior to leaving start location. * Register and headcount to be taken at start of activity * Headcount taken regularly by leader in charge. * Adults to carry mobile phones and numbers shared. * Young people told not to wander off and to stay in allocated areas. * Emergency services to be contacted promptly in case of missing persons. |  |
| Abducted/Assaulted group member | Young people  Leaders | * Young people to stay in allocated groups (minimum 3 per group). * Young people informed to always stay together. * Headcount taken regularly. * Adults to carry mobile phones and numbers shared. * Young people told not to wander off and to stay in allocated areas. * Emergency services to be contacted immediately in case of suspected abduction. |  |
| Risk of sting injuries from nettles and insects | Young people  Leaders | * Advise participants beforehand and during the walk to not touch any plants or insects without checking with a Leader. * First aid if required. |  |
| Risk of extreme weather (heavy rain, lightning, thunder, snow/hail) | Young people  Leaders | * If forecast is bad before the event, event will be postponed. * Participants to wear appropriate clothing, and all participants to have coats / waterproofs if raining or if rain is forecast. * In the event of lightning participants will be advised to stay away from metal objects (pylons / fence lines etc) as well as avoid sheltering under trees. |  |
| Other unforeseen hazards | Young people  Leaders | * Route planned in advance, and copy / details of route left with a responsible adult in case of emergency. * Dynamic risk assessment to be performed by all leaders in line with TSA guidelines. * Hazards to be shared with other leaders and appropriate mitigation to be actioned. |  |