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| **Risk Assessment**  **(OSM)** | **Whittling** | **Date of risk assessment** | **10th September 2024** | **Name of person doing this risk assessment** | **Iain Roy** |
| **Category**  **(OSM)** | **Activities** | **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?** |
| Leaders not qualified to run activity leading to injury | Young people  Leaders | * Designated Leader In Charge. * Planning and Preparation materials shared between all leaders. * Clear roles and responsibilities during the activity. * Risk Assessment Shared. |  |
| Young people not aware of safety rules leading to injury | Young people  Leaders | * Clear briefing before activity by Leader In Charge to include instructions about no neckers, no running, safe zone, stop command, safe use of knives |  |
| 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. * Whittling only to be undertaken by young people in Scouts or Explorers. * Explain the activity clearly using age-appropriate language. * Monitor the mood level throughout the activity. * Use a clear communication to stop the activity – everyone should stop and sheath knives as soon as they hear two blasts on the whistle or anyone shouting stop. * Have a clear location for those not participating in the activity. * Scouts to be supervised with a leader ratio of 1:5. |  |
| Risk of splinters or blisters from handling rough wood | Young people  Leaders | * Provide advice to scouts on handing wood. * Tell people to take care when cutting or snapping wood. * Avoid using wood for this activity that will likely splinter. * First aid if required. |  |
| Risk of cuts from knives | Young people  Leaders | * All knives to be used to be checked and in good, clean condition and sharpened before use. * All scouts to have received full briefing, training, and demonstration before use. * Suitable work area to be in place - either inside or outside weather dependent. * Scouts to be kneeling or seated when using knives - no walking around to be permitted. * Leaders count out the knives and are clear on how many are being used. Leaders count knives back in to make sure that all are returned. * First Aider designated and First Aid Kit(s) to be in immediate vicinity of activity. * First aid if required. |  |
| Other unforeseen hazards | Young people  Leaders | * 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. |  |