

Name of activity, event, and location	12 th Shavington Scout Group	Date of risk assessment	May 2023	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Chris Wood
	Geocaching	Date of next review	May 2024, or earlier as appropriate		

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?
<p><i>A hazard is something that may cause harm or damage.</i></p> <p><i>The risk is the harm that may occur from the hazard.</i></p>	<p><i>For example: young people, leaders, visitors</i></p>	<p>Controls are ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk from it.</p> <p><i>For example, you may use a different piece of equipment, or you might change the way you do the activity.</i></p>	<p>Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change what you're doing or even stop the activity.</p> <p><i>This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.</i></p>
Behaviour - Risk of over excitement	All Present	Everyone to follow section code of conduct that sets clear expectations and behaviour standards.	
Emergency aid	All Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A qualified first aider will be present throughout the activity. • A first aid kit will be present on site during the activity 	
YP Getting lost	YP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scouts to be supervised at all times. • Ensure all Scouts and leaders have a copy of the route and a reliable means of communication. • Use GPS devices and traditional map reading skills. • Regular headcounts taken. 	
Uneven terrain/slips, trips, and falls	All present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scouts and leaders should wear appropriate footwear for the terrain. • Leaders to guide and remind Scouts about being cautious. • Small groups at a time around cache sites to avoid any pushing/shoving that may lead to falls. 	

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Inclement Weather	All present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check the weather forecast before the event and prepare accordingly. • Contingency plan to be used in case of any severe weather. • Ensure all participants have appropriate clothing and shelter can be sought on the night if needed. • Leaders will monitor young people and finish early if the weather deteriorates. 	
Crossing Roads/Traffic	All present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Route should minimise major road crossings where possible. • Where unavoidable, leaders will control road crossing points and ensure it's safe before YP cross. 	
Hypothermia/Heatstroke	All present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure all Scouts and leaders have suitable clothing for the weather conditions. • Plenty of water should be available and regular rest stops for hotter days. 	
Animal encounters	All present	<p>Scouts to be fully briefed before entering any fields containing livestock. The below points reference cows/bulls, but same principals for other animals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop, look, and listen on entering a field. Look out for any animals and watch how they are behaving, particularly bulls or cows with calves. • Avoid getting between cows and their calves. • Scouts to be prepared for cattle to react to their presence and not shout, run etc. • Move quickly and quietly, and if possible, walk around the herd. • Remember to close gates behind you when walking through fields containing livestock. <p>Dogs</p>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YP to be briefed not to interact with daogs, even when on leads. • If a geocache is located somewhere that has dog in the nearby vicinity (farm track for example), this one is to be avoided. • Leaders have appropriate knowledge and equipment if needed to deal with dog bites 	
Accidents during geocache hunting	All present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instruction given on careful handling of found objects. • Leaders to check geocaches first for safety. • Caution taken with caches near nettles, barbed wire, broken glass, or animal feces 	
Consuming Food following geocaching	All present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All present to wash hands well before consuming food following geocaching, reducing risk of infections. 	
Water Dangers – hypothermia if getting wet, or drowning	All present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid geocaching near bodies of water – rivers, lakes, canals etc 	

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