

Name of activity, event, and location	Litter Picking	Date of risk assessment	May 2023	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Chris Wood
	12th South West Cheshire Shavington Scouts	Date of next review	Ahead of any future litter pick		

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>A hazard is something that may cause harm or damage.</p> <p>The risk is the harm that may occur from the hazard.</p>	For example: young people, adult volunteers, visitors	<p>Controls are ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk.</p> <p>For example, you may use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way you do the activity.</p>	<p>Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change what you're doing or even stop the activity.</p> <p>This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.</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	<p>A qualified first aider will be present throughout the activity.</p> <p>A first aid kit will be on site during the activity.</p>	
Risk: Traffic Accidents	All Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Busy streets could pose a risk to Scouts if they're not properly supervised. • Keep activities away from busy roads. Ensure high visibility vests are worn by everyone. • Scouts will be organised into small teams with a responsible adult leader for supervision. 	

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Risk: Sharp Objects	All Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scouts might come across sharp objects such as broken glass, needles, or metal cans. Provide protective gloves. Instruct the Scouts to avoid picking sharp objects directly and to inform an adult leader for proper disposal. 	
Risk: Slips, Trips, and Falls	All Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uneven ground, wet surfaces, or obscured objects can lead to slips and falls. Keep route on known paved areas. If this is going to be carried out somewhere new and unknown, before the event, carry out a walk-through to identify such areas. Guide the Scouts to be aware and cautious of their surroundings. 	
Risk: Contact with Harmful Substances	All Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scouts may unknowingly pick up harmful or toxic substances. Control Measures: Instruct all Scouts not to touch any unknown substances and to inform an adult leader immediately if they encounter such a substance. 	
Risk: Animal and Insect Bites	All Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encounters with animals, insects, or pests may result in bites or stings. Control Measures: Before setting off on the night, teach the Scouts how to respond if they see an animal and to avoid disturbing wildlife. 	
Risk: Adverse Weather Conditions	All Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rain, high winds, or extreme heat can present health risks. Control Measures: Monitor weather forecasts leading up to the event and have a contingency plan in case of severe weather. Ensure Scouts bring appropriate clothing and sun protection. 	
Risk: Injury from Litter Picking Tools	All Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improper use of litter pickers could result in injury. Control Measures: Provide proper instruction on the use of tools before the event begins. Supervise the Scouts while they are using the tools. 	

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<p>Risk: Lost or Separated Scouts</p>	<p>All Present</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scouts may become lost or separated from the group. • Control Measures: Keep the group together at all times. Set a designated meeting point in case anyone gets separated from the group. Ensure all Scouts and leaders have a means of communication 	
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