

Name of activity, event, and location	River Wading – Milldale stream	Date of risk assessment	12/07/2022	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Chris Wood
	12 th South West Cheshire Shavington Scout Group	Date of next review	11/07/2023, 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?
A hazard is something that may cause harm or damage. The risk is the harm that may occur from the hazard.	For example: young people, adult volunteers, visitors	Controls are ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk. For example, you may use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way you do the activity.	Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change what you're doing or even stop the activity. This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.
Behaviour - Risk of over excitement	All Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	
Drowning	YP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only Scouts to enter the river whose parents have confirmed that they can swim competently, and this has been reflected on OSM. If the water is too fast, Scouts will not enter the river. This can be determined by putting a stick in the river and see how fast it flows. If it is faster than walking pace, then water may be too dangerous. Scouts to go down the river in pairs, if one has an issue, the other to assist and call out to leaders who will be walking down the river bank, level with the Scouts. These leaders can jump in and help as needed. 	

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Slipping (losing footing and control)	YP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear sturdy footwear such as comfortable trainers. These should protect you from slippery surfaces and sharp objects and provide sturdy support for their feet. Definitely no bare feet or flip flops. • As Scouts will be walking down the stream in pairs, they can support each other to minimise slipping. • Scouts to be briefed ahead of the activity to look ahead in the river to spot any 'murky' spots and avoid these as it isn't clear what is there, i.e. extra muddy or clay surface 	
Being caught by snags underwater branches etc	YP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scouts to look ahead and avoid any areas with branches hanging into the water that could cause potential snagging • Scouts to avoid any dark murky patches of water as much as possible that may contain snagging hazards • Scouts to go down the river in pairs, if one has an issue, the other to assist and call out to leaders who will be walking down the river bank, level with the Scouts. These leaders can jump in and help as needed. 	
Hygiene	YP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the prevalence of any potential waterborne organisms, Scouts will be briefed to not drink directly from the Milldale stream. • Scouts to thoroughly wash and sanitise hands after exiting stream before consuming any food. 	
Hypothermia		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Scouts that enter the river to have a towel and a set of spare dry, warm clothes and footwear with them. • Scouts to get changed quickly after exiting stream, rather than being tempted to dry off in the sun. • First-aid people trained, trained in treating hypothermia will be present and we will have warm drinks with us, and foil blankets in the first aid kit should they be needed. 	

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