

Name of activity, event, and location	Tent Pitching	Date of risk assessment	07/09/2022	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Chris Wood
	12th South West Cheshire Shavington Scouts & Cubs	Date of next review	06/09/2023, 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?
<p><b>A hazard</b> is something that may cause harm or damage.</p> <p><b>The risk</b> is the harm that may occur from the hazard.</p>	For example: young people, adult volunteers, visitors	<p><b>Controls</b> 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 <b>checking</b> throughout the activity in case you need to change what you're doing or even <b>stop</b> 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	<p>Everyone to follow section code of conduct that sets clear expectations and behaviour standards.</p> <p>Stress the importance of being responsible when using sharp tools.</p> <p><b>STOP</b> the activity immediately if behaviour is unsuitable.</p>	
Emergency aid.	All Present	<p>Make sure a qualified first aider is present throughout the activity.</p> <p>Make sure a first aid kit is on site during the activity.</p>	
<b>Injury</b> from damaged equipment	All Present	<p>Repair or replace damaged poles, particularly glass fibre poles.</p> <p>Repair broken zips to so they don't stick.</p> <p>Inspect and repair wooden poles for rot and splinters.</p>	

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		Ensure mallet heads are securely attached.	
Tents - pitching	All Present	<p>Check above for cables and trees that might snag poles when pitching.</p> <p>Avoid pitching tents under trees, especially in windy conditions.</p> <p>Ensure tents erected on flat and level ground where possible.</p> <p>Competent adult to check tent erecting skills of young persons.</p> <p>For heavy tents (mess tents etc) ensure sufficient adults carry from stores/vehicles to pitch area so avoid back strains etc – correct manual handling techniques to be followed.</p> <p>Guy ropes to be checked daily (if applicable)</p>	
Tents - taking down	All Present	<p>Check tents are empty of debris, which could rot causing damage to tents or cause health hazards on future camps.</p> <p>Take extra care when taking large tents down ensure enough suitably experience people are involved.</p> <p>Remove long sectional poles carefully and split as soon as possible to avoid trips.</p> <p>Check above for hazards - trees, cables.</p> <p>Remove metal pegs carefully and bag immediately to avoid leaving them lying on ground</p>	

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