

Name of activity, event, and location	Water fight night at Milldale	Date of risk assessment	24/06/2022	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Chris Wood
	12th South West Cheshire Shavington All Sections	Date of next review	23/06/2023, 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	Everyone to follow section code of conduct that sets clear expectations and behaviour standards.	
Reluctance to be involved	YP	If any Young Person does not wish to take part, this is fine. They will likely not come along to the evening, but if there is a change of mind on the night, these YP can stand with the leader manning campfire (see Hypothermia section below)	
Injury from slips, trips, and falls on wet-ground conditions.	All Present	<p>All present (especially the YP) to be briefed on where is ok to run and where they need to be more cautious.</p> <p>Activities to be ran on grass area only and away from any trees, exposed roots etc.</p> <p>Leaders to walk and visually scan the area to ensure no harmful debris on the ground, old tent pegs etc.</p>	

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<p>Skin and eye irritation from any washing-up liquid used to make 'slippery runway' type activities.</p>	<p>All Present</p>	<p>Parents to be asked in advance if any of their children have any known allergies to washing-up liquid products and for them to confirm this via OSM.</p> <p>If it is confirmed that for even a single YP that this is an issue, the washing-up liquid activities (slippery slide) will not be used at all.</p> <p>Activity to be carried out on the grassy area near to the toilet blocks and a hose will be attached from the outside tap there. The YP and adults will rinse down hands, legs, and any other affected areas (including eyes) straight after this activity and throughout if needed.</p>	
<p>Injuries from equipment</p>	<p>All Present</p>	<p>The YP will be using water pistols/guns for some of the games. Briefing will be given in advance for the safe usage of these, i.e., not swinging them around, throwing them etc.</p> <p>In line with Covid regs (covered under campsite RA), the children will be distanced from each other so chance of accidental collisions and banging with guns is minimal.</p>	
<p>Injuries from water from high-pressure 'guns'</p>	<p>All Present</p>	<p>The YP will bring their own water guns/pistols. Some of these that are available to buy are high-pressured.</p> <p>YP to be instructed that there is to be no squirting in faces/eyes. Leaders to monitor and remind throughout as needed, potential exclusion from activity for persistent breaches.</p>	
<p>Injuries from carrying heavy loads – water buckets</p>	<p>Adults</p>	<p>All buckets to be filled in situ via hoses from outside toilet tap and not carried into location.</p> <p>If excess water remains in buckets at the end of the activity, 2 or more adults to tip this away, observing correct lifting practices.</p>	

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Hypothermia during and following wet activity	All present	<p>Although activity is planned for July, there is a possibility that the weather will be too cold to go ahead. If that is the case, it will be cancelled.</p> <p>All YP will be instructed to bring towels and a full set of dry clothes with them.</p> <p>Privacy screens (wind breaks) will be used along with the toilet block for the YP to get dry and changed quickly after the activity.</p> <p>Away from the water-fight area, a campfire will be lit and manned by a leader, and YP will gather around this following the activity and once they are dried and changed,</p> <p>First Aiders will be present who are trained to spot signs of hypothermia and how to treat this.</p>	
YP getting lost	YP	<p>All activities will be held in a central area and there will be no need to walk away from the area, aside from toilet visits, and we will be very close to the toilet block.</p> <p>Head counts will be taken frequently to ensure all are present and correct</p>	
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>	

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