

Risk assessment

Name of activity, event, and location	Beavan Challenge - Hike 2024 Ashurst's Beacon/ Tawd Vale	Date of risk assessment	30/09/2024	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Bill Mankin
		Date of next review	21/10/2024		

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? How will they be communicated to young people and adults?	Review & revise. What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
<p>Mistakes when navigating – leading to increased risk of all other hazards. Additional consequences of being lost and exhausted, especially if late or after dark.</p>	All those taking part	<p>Each team is provided with a map, a check card and route notes</p> <p>Each Team will supply a compass and a map case.</p> <p>There is one route this year: The Senior and Explorer Teams will both follow a 7-mile route. The teams will hike on the Saturday.</p> <p>Each team will be logged through each checkpoint by the marshals Their hike card will be updated and the team number will be sent to Hike Control</p> <p>The hike card has emergency contact phone numbers in case teams get lost.</p> <p>Each team will be issued with a GPS tracker and they will be monitored by Hike Control, Two contact numbers will be taken for each team and any teams straying from the planned route will be notified by Hike Control and directed back to the route</p> <p>A roving marshal will be out on the route to provide further assistance if a team cannot be directed back to the route.</p> <p>The route and the precautions are to ensure that all teams, regardless of navigational competence, can take part in the hike,</p>	
<p>Roads and traffic – injuries from collisions between vehicles and people.</p>	Young people, leaders	<p>The route has been designed to include as much off-road walking as possible.</p> <p>The route card contains instructions for walking along the roads, wherever that happens.</p> <p>Marshals will be placed at road crossings to prevent teams from continuing along any road, further than they should.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course Lane: There is a road section from Course Lane to the Leeds Liverpool 	

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		<p>canal. There will a Marshal at Course Lane to cross the teams over the road. The rest of the section is on minor urban roads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a short section of walking from the centre of Parbold to the A5209. A marshal will be located at the A5209 to cross teams and provide guidance. The rest of the section has pavement. For a very short section of road. • A marshal will be placed at Appley Bridge. There is a crossing of a road bridge that doesn't have pavement, but the road is not busy • A marshal will be place on Lees Lane, to cross the teams from one footpath to another • The longest road section runs between grid ref 512086 and 505081. This is a narrow lane, but it is a dead end, so there is only a small amount of traffic that uses it. A marshal will be placed at 505081 to ensure that teams do not continue/double-back to Beacon Lane • The car park marshal will cross teams over Beacon Lane, which is busy and the traffic can be fast • GPS tracking will be used to ensure any teams walking off f-route are redirected. • All teams will wear Hi-Viz jackets. 	
<p>Weather – rain before and during the hike, hot weather causing heat exhaustion or sun stroke.</p>	<p>Young people, leaders</p>	<p>• Teams have been notified that waterproofs are required – and a minimum kit list has been supplied. Equipment will be checked at the start of the hike</p> <p>• A roving marshal will be on the route to and will monitor weather and terrain.</p> <p>All of the road sections mentioned above, provide pick-up points along the route if teams abandon the hike, for whatever reason.</p>	
<p>Terrain – uneven ground, branches, nettles, animals, livestock, and so on.</p>	<p>Young people, leaders</p>	<p>The hike route has been checked.</p> <p>There is some nettle growth in various parts of the routes, but not a significant problem. Some footpaths are very muddy section, but they are passable.</p>	

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		<p>There are warning signs for Giant Hogweed close to sections of the route, but the route appeared to be clear.</p> <p>There is a section of footpath that uses a bridge to cross a stream. One part of the handrail has collapsed into the stream. The bridge is still useable and this does not present a significant risk.</p> <p>A roving marshal will be on the route to and will monitor weather and terrain.</p> <p>All teams will carry a first aid kit.</p>	
Railway Crossing	Young people, leaders	<p>Marshal to man the level crossing.</p> <p>The railway crossing has been redesigned since last year and now has no gates.</p> <p>Teams will be instructed to only cross the railway line under instruction from the marshal.</p> <p>Route card instructs teams to never cross the railway line unless an adult is there.</p>	
Deep Water	Young people, leaders	<p>There is a section along the canal towpath that has locks. The canal path takes a wider route, away from the edge of the canal at this point.</p>	

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