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| **Name of activity, event, and location** | **Heavy Woollen District Scout Camp Site**  **Woolley edge**  **Bouldering** | **Date of risk assessment** | **02/01/2024** | **Name of who undertook this risk assessment** | **Paul Houghton**  **Martin Holmes**  **PP Heavy Woollen District Scouts** |
| **Date of next review** | **02/01/2026** |

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| **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 further needs to be thought about and controlled?** |
| **Inexperienced Leaders / Instructors**  Falls, Strains, Sprains and head injury. Potential for fractures |  | This activity is self-run by the visiting group leaders. The information below is provided to assist the groups’ responsible leaders in the preparation of their own documented Risk Assessment Our risk assessment cannot take in to account the competence of the supervision nor the ability, medical condition, or attitude of the participants. It is expected that the factors below will be considered by the groups’ responsible leader when completing their own documented Risk Assessment before and during use of the activity | Individual group activity risk assessment |
| **Structure Collapse**  Cuts, bruises, abrasions, Falls | YP & Leaders | The bouldering wall is checked and maintained during each closed season. Any concerns over the instegrity of the wall face are reported and investigated by a suitably qualified professional.  Where any doubt exists the wall will be closed and activity unavailable until clearance is given by a suitable expert | No equipment left at the wall  Any changes in wall condition to be reported immediately to DC |
| **Fall from height**  Sprains, strains, fractures, lacerations, head injury and bruises | YP & Leaders | Participants should stick to the clear ledge which is less than 1.5m above floor level.  Buddying system to be used with second, similarly sized, participant closely follows the person on the wall at all times. They should remain within easy touching distance throughout  Helmets to be worn at all times whether on the wall or ‘buddying’  Clear demonstration and instruction  ongoing monitoring and advice  RM to cease activity if anyone is doing anything that could endanger themselves or others | Where someone consistently does something that could cause themselves or others harm despite instruction and correction then they may asked to wait for one on one instruction. If this does not sort the issue then they will be asked to step out of the bouldering area for the remainder of the activity |
| **Overcrowding**  Falls, trips and incidents due to too many people either on the wall or in the bouldering area | YP & Leaders | One leader should have overall control of the activity  There should be suitable numbers of leaders to ensure Scouting ratios are maintained throughout  Only 2 people (and their buddies) should be on the wall at any one time and they should be at least 2m apart from each other on the wall  All people waiting for a turn must be wearing a helmet – there should not be more participants than there is safety gear.  If there are more participant than safety gear available then the group should be split into two separate sessions. Those not taking part should leave the bouldering area | One strike policy regards safe behaviour when collecting, throwing or transporting axes. If someone willfully does not follow instruction they should be asked to leave the range |
| **Slips, trips and falls in bouldering area** | All users | Leader supervising the activity to check area for slip and trip hazards prior to each use  Absolutely no running allowed within the confines of the bouldering area at any time  Leader supervising to ensure that all participants, instructors and spectators are wearing suitable footwear before they are allowed in the bouldering area |  |
| **Adverse Weather**  Falls | All Users | Leader supervising should assess prevailing weather conditions. Bouldering should not take place in the following circumstances:  Excessive rain / precipitation  Any storm weather  High winds / gale force gusts  In hot weather account should be taken of the physical nature of the activity. Hydration should be available and clothing should be suitable so as to avoid sunburn / exposure |  |
| **Entrapment / Entanglement**  Lacerations, tears and fractures | All users | Jewelry should be removed or covered where possible  Rings should not be worn during the bouldering activity  No Loose clothing to be worn  Suitable footwear to be worn |  |
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