**Risk Assessment**

**Hikes using the local footpaths around Sliverdale**

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| **Step 1** | **Step 2** | **Step 3** | **Step 4** |
| **Hazard** | **Who might be harmed?** | **Is the risk adequately controlled, or is more needed?** | **Review and revision** |
| Inappropriate behaviour  | Everyone | Discuss expectations of behaviour prior to the hike. Explain the Country CodeCorrect ratio of adults to young people. 1-8 plus the leader for Cubs1-6 plus the leader for Beavers | 14/3/15 |
| Road crossings | Everyone | High Vis. jackets to be wornLeader to oversee crossing points.Cross in small groups if necessary.Walk facing the oncoming traffic on lanes. Stand still on verge and let vehicles pass.Leaders/adults to walk on the road side of children | 14/3/15 |
| Slips trips and falls | Everyone | Leaders to be vigilant. Point out hazards to young people.Small First Aid kit to be carried by the leader.At least 1 leader to have an in date First Response qualification. | 14/3/15 |
| Steep ditches through wooded area | Beavers | Leader to stand at points where there is the most danger. Cubs/Beavers to walk in single file | 14/3/15 |
| Climbing Stiles | Everyone | An adult to stand by the stile to ensure that everyone is safely across. | 14/3/15 |
| Boggy groundBramblesOverhanging branches | Everyone | Leader to have prior knowledge of the route. Ensure that everyone has appropriate footwear.Adults to warn of dangers and to hold back branches if needed. | 14/3/15 |
| Animals Horses/cattleDogs not on leads | Everyone | Leader to discuss sensible behaviour around animals.QuietStand still if necessaryPlan an alternative route if possible. | 14/3/15 |
| Blisters/stings | Everyone | Small first aid kit and small bottle of water to be carried by the leaderLong trousers to be worn | 14/3/15 |
| Tiredness | Beavers | Walk at the pace of the slowest child.Shorten the route if necessary. | 14/3/15 |
| Adverse weather/ Hot weather | Everyone | Leader to assess the conditions. Cancel hike if necessarySun screen /hats to be wornEveryone to carry a water bottleRainwear to be carried | 14/3/15 |
| Unexpected injury/ilness | Everyone | Carry a mobile phoneCall for help orSend spare adults for help. The remainder of the group to remain where they areLeader to carry home contact information. | 14/3/15 |
| Lost Beaver / Cub | Beavers / Cubs | Head count before leaving and returningRegular head counts during hike | 14/3/15 |