**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 Code  Correct ratio of adults to young people.  1-8 plus the leader for Cubs  1-6 plus the leader for Beavers | 14/3/15 |
| Road crossings | Everyone | High Vis. jackets to be worn  Leader 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 ground  Brambles  Overhanging 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/cattle  Dogs not on leads | Everyone | Leader to discuss sensible behaviour around animals.  Quiet  Stand still if necessary  Plan 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 leader  Long 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 necessary  Sun screen /hats to be worn  Everyone to carry a water bottle  Rainwear to be carried | 14/3/15 |
| Unexpected injury/ilness | Everyone | Carry a mobile phone  Call for help or  Send spare adults for help. The remainder of the group to remain where they are  Leader to carry home contact information. | 14/3/15 |
| Lost Beaver / Cub | Beavers / Cubs | Head count before leaving and returning  Regular head counts during hike | 14/3/15 |