

Risk Assessment: Courier's Run – Beavan Challenge

Title of activity	Courier's Run – Beavan Challenge
Location(s) of activity	Tawd Vale Scout Camp
Date	4 and 5 October 2025

Brief description of activity:

Run and assault course through natural undergrowth, including man made obstacles. Mud dependent on weather.

Hazard Identification: *Identify all the hazards; evaluate the risks (low / medium / high) and describe all necessary control measures.*

Hazard (s)	Risk L / M / H	Control Measures
Physical Hazards: Extreme weather conditions	M- L with control measures	Visual check of course at regular intervals. Activity will be cancelled if weather conditions make the ground/course unsuitable/unsafe – decision of event leads on this is final.
Tampering with course over night	L	Event leads will carry out a visual check of course before each day's event commences.
Tripping, falling, collision with natural undergrowth/obstacles	M	Course will be cleared as much as possible to reduce risk. Obvious areas of risk (e.g. tree branches) that cannot be removed will be marked with hazard tape where possible to increase visibility. Safety briefing will be given to all teams before starting the activity – will be stressed that the course is over natural undergrowth and all hazards cannot be completely removed.
Obstacles e.g. mud/water ditches, crawl tarpaulins	M - L with control measures	Obstacles have padding to reduce risk of injury from impact, edges smoothed off or covered where possible. Obstacles will be secured to reduce movement. A member of the service team will be placed at required obstacles to supervise. Safety briefing will be given to all teams before starting the activity.
Ditch crossings	L	Bridges already in situ that are deemed unsafe to use will be marked as a

		<p>hazard and not be included as part of the course.</p> <p>Scaffolding planks used as ditch crossing will be securely fixed to the ground at both ends. They will be checked at regular intervals.</p> <p>Scaffolding planks will be checked for integrity before used.</p> <p>All ditch crossings are navigable without bridges if needed.</p> <p>Participants wearing gloves and safety goggles – to meet theme but also adds safety</p>
<p>Biological Hazards: Vegetation - Tripping, falling, collision with natural undergrowth/obstacles</p> <p>Mud</p> <p>Rubbish</p>	<p>M</p> <p>L</p> <p>L</p>	<p>Course will be cleared as much as possible to reduce risk.</p> <p>Obvious areas of risk (e.g. tree branches) that cannot be removed will be marked with hazard tape were possible to increase visibility. Safety briefing will be given to all teams before starting the activity.</p> <p>Facilities will be available to wash hands after the event to remove mud – soap water or wipes</p> <p>Event leads will carry out a visual check of course before each day's event commences and rubbish will be removed from course.</p> <p>Participants wearing gloves and safety goggles – to meet theme but also adds safety</p>
<p>Chemical Hazards: Mud</p>	L	<p>Facilities will be available to wash hands after the event to remove mud – soap water or wipes</p> <p>Participants wearing gloves and safety goggles – to meet theme but also adds safety</p>
<p>Man-made hazards: Obstacles e.g. mud/water ditches, crawl tarpaulins</p>	M - L with control measures	<p>Obstacles have padding to reduce risk of injury from impact, edges smoothed off or covered. Obstacles will be secured to reduce movement.</p> <p>A member of the service team will be</p>

		<p>placed at required obstacles to supervise. Safety briefing will be given to all teams before starting the activity.</p> <p>Bridges already in situ that are deemed unsafe to use will be marked as a hazard and not be included as part of the course.</p> <p>Scaffolding planks used as ditch crossing will be securely fixed to the ground at both ends. They will be checked at regular intervals.</p> <p>Scaffolding planks will be checked for integrity before used.</p> <p>All ditch crossings are navigable without bridges if needed.</p> <p>Participants will be carrying items – grip added where possible, sharp edges covered, not an excessive weight and can be carried as a team.</p> <p>Participants wearing gloves and safety goggles – to meet theme but also adds safety</p>
Personal Safety: Group control	L	Small group sizes – 4 in each team. 16 maximum with staggered start times.
Environmental impact:	L	Course planned to minimise impact
Other hazards:		N/A

Emergency Procedures: *Specify arrangements for first aid, special emergency procedures, survival aids, communication, etc.)*

Instructors hold first aid certificates. Mobile phone always available. First aid kit accessible

Additional Information: *Identify any additional information relevant to the activity, including supervision, training requirements, information, specialist equipment or clothing, inoculations, etc.*

Advice provided re clothing in leader and participant handbook

Contact Information: *Include details of both the Group/Unit designated contact and on-site contact.*

Home contact	Name:	Tel contact:
Each group will have own		
On-site	Name:	Tel contact:
Organising committee		

Has necessary training and information been given?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there adequate provision for those with health problems or disabilities?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there adequate First Aiders available?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there sufficient Leaders with appropriate and current Qualification[s] for the activity involved?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a designated Leader in charge?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there suitable travel arrangements and licensed drivers?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is adequate insurance cover in place?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Have all young persons submitted parental consent forms and adults supplied next of kin information?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responsibility of individual group Scout/Explorer leader
Will route notification schedules be provided to base Leaders?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Are there sufficient qualified Leaders to undertake the activity [Leader/young person ratio]?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Is all equipment used in compliance with current regulations/specifications?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Is all equipment checked, maintained and stored correctly?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Will the activity be carried out in compliance with current POR and/or guidelines/rules of any relevant National body?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>

Assessment carried out by:

Name:	P Beard/K Milnes	Date:	22.09.24
Signature:		Review date:	Reviewed 18.09.25
Title:	Explorer leaders		