

## Risk Assessment - 1<sup>st</sup> Hoveton and Wroxham Sea Scouts

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| Name of activity, event and location | Visiting the beach including extra risks associated with visiting at night. | Date of Risk Assessment | 09.02.25 | Name of Person doing this risk assessment | Nigel Pope |
|                                      |   | Date of next review     | 10.02.26 |   |            |

This Risk Assessment covers the additional risks of meeting at the Beach. For Covid risks, please refer to our Beach Covid RA. For activity risks please refer to the appropriate activity RA. All risk assessments can be found on our website at <http://www.hovetonandwroxhamscouts.org.uk/risk.htm>

| What hazard have you identified?<br>What are the risks from it? | Who is at risk? | How are the risks already controlled?<br>What extra controls are needed?   | What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled? |
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| Hazard - unacceptable behaviour<br>Risk - injury                | Young People    | Leader to discuss appropriate behaviour and expectations prior to leaving.<br>Safety briefing given prior to leaving. Further briefing given on arrival at the beach.  |   |
| Hazard: Swimming<br>Risk: Drowning                              | All             | Swimming will not be allowed unless suitable permit holders and lifeguards are present.  |   |
| Hazard - area for playing games<br>Risk - injury                | Young People    | Adults to ensure that area is clear of dangerous debris, eg: broken bottles etc. Preferably this should be done during the day for night activities.<br>Leader to define playing area<br>Adults to spread themselves around playing area   |   |
| Hazard - lost young persons<br>Risk - injury/death/trauma       | Young People    | Head count at the start and at regular intervals and before leaving.<br><br>Whistle or similar to end game, return to leader at pre-arranged meeting point. At night, meeting point to have a light and everyone to wear high visibility vests so they can be clearly seen in torch light.<br><br>Adults to be vigilant during game play |   |

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| Hazard - slips, trips and falls<br>Risk - injury especially to feet   | All | Leader to remind young persons about uneven ground and pebbles.<br>Footwear to be worn if appropriate.<br>Leader to carry mobile phone with OSM app for home contacts or other suitable equivalent in poor signal areas) and first aid kit.<br>At least one leader with first response training |  |
| Hazard - allergic reaction to bee/wasp stings<br>Risk - injury/death  | All | Check OSM medical records, in advance, for anyone likely to have an allergic reaction and carry appropriate medication if required.   |  |
| Hazard - dogs/animals<br>Risk - injury/death  | All | Discuss dangers before setting out.<br>If dog approaches stand still, hands tucked in. Do not approach dogs/animals.<br>In the event of a dog bite, medical attention is necessary.<br>Stay away from seals. They bite.   |  |
| Hazard: Beach hazards such as cliff collapse, quicksand, slippery rocks etc.<br>Risk - injury                                 | All | Identify danger areas in advance and advise young people to keep clear.<br><br>No sand tunnels to be dug. They can easily collapse.   |  |
| Hazard: Sea hazards such as large waves, high tides, becoming cut off etc.<br>Risk - injury                                   | All | Consult weather forecast and tide tables in advance. Cancel event or modify programme if necessary.   |  |
| Hazard: Items washed up on beach. For example oil, sewage, unexploded ordnance, chemicals, sharp metal.<br>Risk: Injury/death | All | Leaders to ensure that young people stay away from anything that looks like it might pose a threat.   |  |

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| Hazard: When visiting the beach at night, all hazards are amplified by not seeing them clearly.<br>Risk: Injury/death | All | Leaders to clearly brief young people on potential risks and to define a safe area for activities. Everyone to carry a torch. Depending on beach conditions ensure that appropriate clothing and footwear is worn. |  |