

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

Name of activity, event and location	Ceremonies - Investiture, Flag Break, Grand Howl, Prayers, Closing	Date of Risk Assessment	09.02.25	Name of Person doing this risk assessment	Nigel Pope
		Date of next review	10.02.26		

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 has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Hazard - rope Risk of strangulation/injury/death	Young People	Leaders will observe all flag-breaks and provide guidance where needed. Children will be reminded about not playing with the rope or the flag during meetings.	
Hazard: COVID infection due to lack of social distancing when standing in formation for any ceremonies Risk: high risk at start of meeting (opening ceremony), by end should be lower risk as rules start to become understood. Also still getting used to social distancing rules, that are not the same as school bubbles!	Young People Leaders Parent Helpers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Venue (indoor or outdoor) is chosen to ensure enough space to enable social distancing.</li> <li>Circular Formation of Sixes are set out using markers/paint/tape in ground/floor to ensure distancing. Akela in centre of circle. Other leaders/helpers stood well back from circle.</li> <li>For investitures: member invited forwards, but to a 2m distance. Replace handshakes with salute. If using flag on a staff, if it allows 2m, member could hold their hand out towards it, but not touch it. Badges and certificates to be posted/delivered to young person's home.</li> </ul>	
Hazard: COVID infection due to touching flag & rope during open/close ceremony Risk: High, as still getting	Young People Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Users of the flag apparatus will have hand sanitised as part of arrival procedures.</li> <li>One leader only touches the flag and rope, sets it up, raises and lowers it (either on indoor pulley, or any outdoor contraption), and packs it away,</li> </ul>	

used to minimising cross contamination of equipment		quarantined for next meeting.	
Hazard: COVID infection due to shouting during ceremonies. Shouting causes higher degree of airborne particles. Risk: high – excitable cubs always love to make noise!	Young People Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure social distancing is maximised, and therefore the circle will be large, and shouting focused into free space</li> </ul>	