

RISK ASSESSMENT for Educational Activities and Field Trips

Date of assessment April 08 Review date March 09 Assessor JL, JT & RS Signature

ACTIVITY	S5 Walk from Dell Quay to Fishbourne via River Lavant				DATE	LOCATION	DQ/FB
Potential Hazards	People at Risk	Likelihood	Severity	Risk	Control Measures	Further action	
Traffic on quay/road	all	2	2	4	Safety briefing & staff supervision. Traffic barrier to quay.		
Tripping hazards – equipment from boat yard, uneven ground	all	3	2	6	Specific safety briefing by CHC staff before activity starts. Appropriate footwear recommended in advance of visit. Walkers encouraged to help each other.		
Boat yard activities Boats propped up on land.	All, but particularly children	3	3	9	CHC teacher to lead walk and check boat yard activities before allowing group to proceed. Supervision of children by school staff & helpers	Alternative route available	
Dog mess on path	Children	4	2	6	Adults to be alert and warn walkers. Hands washed before eating.		
Drop from sea wall, onto rough ground with sharp projections in places.	All	2/3	4	12	Group warned to take care before starting the walk and appropriate footwear recommended. Group advised or shown safest place to walk	Alternative route available	
Drop from sea wall into deep water	all	1	6	6	Deep water only occurs at high spring tides. . CHC staff carry throwing line & mobile phone to call Harbour Patrol if necessary	Alternative route available	
Kissing gates	Young children	3	2	6	Fingers bumped/caught if gate swung shut quickly.		
Narrow path with nettles, hawthorn hedge, barbed wire – scratches & stings	all	3	3	9	Safety briefing in advance and appropriate clothing advised in advance. Groups to walk in single file over this short stretch of path.	Alternative route available	

Path/sea wall crumbling and breached in one place between R. Lavant & footpath junction	all	3	4	12	Group warned to take care before starting the walk and appropriate footwear recommended. Walkers encouraged to help each other. Adult stationed near worst bit.	Alternative route available for part of route. Pre visit inspection if not visited recently.
Cows in field – possible hazard?	Frightened children	2	2	4	CHC teacher to lead walk and warn children if cows are there	
Sewage outflow leading to contamination of water	all	3	3	9	No access to water near outflow. All advised to wash hands before eating and to avoid contact with water if any open cuts or grazes on exposed skin.	Liaison with water company & Environment Agency for water quality data
Open ditch with water	all	2	2	4	All advised to wash hands before eating and to avoid contact with water if any open cuts or grazes on exposed skin.	
Contact (in sunshine) with plants of the hedge/cow parsley family.	Any one coming in contact with its sap.	2	2	4	Site monitored for presence of any particularly noxious varieties. Visitors advised not to pick plants.	
Poisonous plants e.g. hemlock water dropwort	Anyone eating leaves roots or sap	2	4	8	Visitors advised not to pick plants and to wash hands before eating.	
Boggy bit in meadow	Anyone falling in it	2	2	4	Only an issue after wet weather.	
Trampling / damage to protected species	Marsh orchids etc.	-	-	-	Groups requested to stay on paths whenever possible.	
Traffic around pond & on walk to Woolpack	all	2	2	4	Traffic slow moving. CHC to be aware & to warn group. Route to Woolpack avoids busy roads. Coaches can stop in bus stop to pick up or drop off passengers, plenty of space for group to collect.	