

TREMENDOUS TREES RISK ASSESSMENT

ESTABLISHMENT: Holt Hall

PROPOSED ACTIVITY / ENVIRONMENT: Tremendous Trees: young people measure oak trees in the Holt Hall woods. Tree beating for invertebrates.

Hazards <i>List significant hazards that may result in serious harm</i>	Risk <i>Indicate the level of risk</i>	Who might be harmed? <i>List groups of people who are at risk</i>	Is the risk adequately controlled? <i>List existing controls or note where information may be found. (e.g. information, instruction training, systems or procedures)</i>	What further actions are needed to control the risk? <i>List the risks that are not adequately controlled and propose actions that are needed to reduce or eliminate the risks.</i>	Outcome
Site of the woods & general considerations:	MEDIUM	Young people and adults	Ensure sites of measuring are appropriate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the woodlands at Old Pollard Wood and beside the driveway along the orienteering course • Woods must be risk assessed on the day of the measuring to ensure that they are safe to use, for example, no branches have blown down CONSIDERATIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure appropriate ratio of staff:students. • Clothing –ensure young people are wearing suitable outdoor clothing for the weather, for example, waterproofs or sun hats • Ensure first aid bag is situated in easily accessible location known to adults • Ensure young people have any medicines they may require on them, for example, asthma inhalers 	Ensure leader is experienced in this area of activity and that a ‘supervisor’ in the group has a first aid qualification and knows where the first aid bag is situated On very windy days, this activity may be cancelled	LOW

<p>Measuring of trees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eye pokers • Scratches (from bramble or sticks) • Foot injury • Splinters • Nettle sting • Wandering off • Sickness <p>Tree beating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hit by beating stick 	MEDIUM	Young people and adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show young people bramble & nettles, warn of scratches and stings and ask young people to avoid touching these plants • Ensure young people know where agreed boundaries are • Use of equipment to be demonstrated by Holt Hall staff • Young people must behave appropriately • Young people must be told not to eat anything that they find in the woods, even if it looks edible, for instance, nuts, berries & fungi • Remind young people to walk in the woods & pick up their feet to minimise tripping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people told to take care when tree beating • Do not begin tree beating until those pupils holding the beating tray are in position and ready to start 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modelling of behaviours. • Adults to know location of first aid bag & which staff are first aid qualified (all teachers at Holt Hall have current first aid qualifications) 	LOW
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