

Please note that this risk assessment applies to the activity at the date of writing and under the prevailing weather conditions at this time. Please discuss any possible changes to this assessment with Leeson staff before undertaking this activity.

Activity : Highcliffe, Naish Farm, Barton on Sea and Hurst Castle Spit			
Risk Assessment Completed By: Michael Gould and Louise Harding			Date: January 2019 Review: January 2020
1	Remote locations	Illness / accident in a remote location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leader must be familiar with nature of the area under the prevailing conditions and choose working areas and activities appropriate to the conditions and group
2	Traffic in car parks / road crossings and construction traffic	Traffic in car park areas roads / elderly people driving!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief group members about the traffic in Car Parks and road crossings
3	Exposure, trips and slips	Inadequate clothing and footwear for conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the group is adequately equipped and that a weather forecast is obtained. Carry KISU / SUN CREAM / SPARE WINDPROOFS AS APPROPRIATE Be prepared to change plans if area chosen is overly exposed to the wind / weather. Brief pupils to take care descending paths especially where loose gravel and stones are present
4	Sea		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief all group members to stay at safe distance from the sea AT ALL TIMES. Tides – check tides are suitable CARRY THROWLINE(S) AND BE PRACTISED IN USING IT/THEM Watch the waves for at least 5 minutes before starting work on the beach to ascertain a safe distance to work on the beach
5	Rock groyne and rip rap	Large boulders – gaps between boulders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief pupils beforehand NOT to climb on the groyne or rip rap
6	Equipment	Ranging poles / tapes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief pupils to carry and use equipment safely
7	Beaches	Glass / other sharp objects / rubbish from sea / dog mess	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief pupils to take care and be aware of beach surface Do not pick up any rubbish from the beach
8	Landslips at Naish Farm and Barton / mud flows - especially the active areas from the winter of 13/14 (still ongoing Jan'2019).	Active landslips at Naish Farm and Barton on Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief pupils not to attempt to walk off the pathways or beach at Barton near active landslips and to check ahead on the state of the paths, particularly at the western end of the field site Feb and March 14 - this area is now out of bounds to all field study groups due to the severe landslides in the winter. Brief pupils not to climb off the beach and onto the mud slopes at Naish Farm Staff to recce area first if any landslips have been reported. Use an alternative location if required.
Emergency		Good mobile phone reception in the area. Cafes and shops and public phone near carparks at Highcliffe and Barton Emergency Services – 999 or 112 Leeson House – 01929 422126	