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<b>Activity : Chesil Beach at Abbotsbury and Portland / Preston Beach Weymouth</b>			
<b>Risk Assessment Completed By: Louise Harding and Michael Gould</b>			<b>Last review date: January 2019</b> <b>Annual Review: January 2020</b>
1	<b>Remote location – Chesil Beach at Abbotsbury</b>	Illness / accident in a remote location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> </ul>
2	<b>Traffic in car parks / road crossing in Weymouth</b>	Traffic in car park areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief group members about the traffic in Car Parks and road crossings</li> </ul>
3	<b>Exposure</b>	Inadequate clothing for conditions There is NO SHELTER in the area, especially at Abbotsbury CHESIL BEACH IS EXTREMELY EXPOSED TO THE WIND AND SUN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure the group is adequately equipped and that a weather forecast is obtained.</li> <li>Carry KISU / SUN CREAM / SPARE WINDPROOFS AS APPROPRIATE</li> <li>Be prepared to change plans if area chosen is overly exposed to the wind / weather.</li> </ul>
4	<b>Sea – CHESIL BEACH</b>	Steep beach / strong undercurrent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief all group members to stay at safe distance from the sea AT ALL TIMES when working on Chesil Beach.</li> <li><b>UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST ANY MEMBER OF THE PARTY ENTER THE SEA FROM CHESIL BEACH</b></li> <li><b>CARRY THROWLINE(S) AND BE PRACTISED IN USING IT/THEM</b></li> <li>Watch the waves for at least 5 minutes before starting work on the beach to ascertain a safe distance to work on the beach</li> </ul>
5	<b>Rock groyne at Preston Beach / sea defences at Portland</b>	Large boulders – gaps between boulders, occasionally exposed Gabion cages at Portland and possibility of ongoing repair / maintenance work on sea defences.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief pupils beforehand NOT to climb on the groynes / and to take care on gabions as they can be slippery with large drop offs on both sides</li> </ul>
6	<b>Equipment</b>	Ranging poles / tapes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief pupils to carry and use equipment safely</li> </ul>
7	<b>Beaches</b>	Glass / other sharp objects / rubbish from sea / dog mess	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief pupils to take care and be aware of beach surface</li> <li>Do not pick up any rubbish from the beach</li> <li>Siphonophore – In the summer of 2017 a number of Portugese Man O'War were washed up onto the beaches. These sting even when washed up. Do not allow students near.</li> </ul>
8	<b>Wildlife</b>	Portuguese Man o'War siphonophore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief group on the presence of these on the beach especially during late spring and summer</li> <li>These sting even when washed up. Do not allow students near.</li> </ul>
<b>Emergency</b>		<b>Good mobile phone reception in the area.</b> <b>Abbotsbury – nearest help would be carpark / café / tropical gardens</b> <b>Chesil Beach Portland – some shops and pubs nearby</b> <b>Preston beach – numerous places for assistance</b> <b>Emergency Services – 999 or 112</b>	
		<b>Leeson House – 01929 422126</b>	

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