

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: Corfe Common - route from Kingston to Corfe Castle via Blashenwell Farm			
Risk Assessment Completed By: Michael Gould and Louise Harding			Date: January 2019 Review: January 2020
See General Off – Site Risk Assessment			
1	Traffic and road crossings / road from Blashenwell Farm with tight, blind corners	Traffic on roads, especially tight corners by river. Narrow road with poor visibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff must be at front and rear of group, wear reflective waistcoats and assist supervising crossing side roads. Group leader should walk ahead around the very sharp bend
2	Horses	Horses approaching pupils on the common	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief pupils to remain calm if horses approach, staff to ward horses away. The area where horses are most likely to be encountered is at the cattle grid and gate at grid reference 958814
3	Cattle Grids across road	Injury from tripping on or slipping into cattle grids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid cattle grids by using gates
4	River next to road by cattle grid at sharp bend.	Pupils straying from road edge When in flood there is a pool of very deep water adjacent to the road edge next to bend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief pupils, leader to recce ahead if in doubt. It is possible for the road to be completely flooded at grid reference 954807 - if this happens then you must remain on the north side of the road to avoid walking into the deep river channel at the road edge.
5	Spring head at Blashenwell	Wall / Stile / Path – all can be slippery Private property / risk of damage to plants and ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervise pupils as they climb stile and use path to spring Only allow small groups at a time to minimise impact
Emergency		See General Off – Site Risk Assessment There is average to good mobile phone signals on this route as far as Corfe Village, there is a phone box in Kingston at grid reference 957796. Minibuses can reach as far as Blashenwell Farm in an emergency. None of the routes east from the Common onto the Kingston to Corfe road are any quicker than retracing your steps to Kingston / Corfe. AVOID using the Kingston to Corfe road unless absolutely essential. Leeson House – 01929 422126 Emergency Services – 999 or 112	