

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: Night Walk Risk Assessment			
Risk Assessment Completed By: Michael Gould and Louise Harding			Date: January 2019 Review: January 2020
See General Off-Site Risk Assessment and route specific risk assessment			
1	Hypothermia	Inadequate personal clothing and/or unsuitable weather conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check weather forecast closely and check all pupils clothing – issue extra kit if needed
2	Over hanging branches	Unseen branches at head height – scratches, injury to eyes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check route where possible • Avoid routes with over hanging branches where possible • Brief group about hazard
3	Stiles	Slipping or tripping over stiles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader/staff to use torches at stiles • 2 staff to help children over stiles
4	Farm Animals	Approaching farm animals unaware in darkness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader to stay at front, to have adequate communication to other staff, be familiar with route and which fields have animals in. Prior briefing to pupils on behavior on encountering animals.
5	Fear	Fear of the dark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose appropriate route, position of staff, torches, reassuring stories.
6	Farmer – pest control	Hunting/shooting at night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tutor to bring yellow jackets, if needed. • Torches/head torches required.
7	Laser – eye injury	Accidental injury from use of laser spotter for use with star gazing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laser only to be used by LH staff. Hold it high above heads. Switch off before lowering.
Emergency		<p>See General Off-Site Risk Assessment Emergency Procedures</p> <p>Group Leader to know escapes routes for the specific route. Mobile phone reception is good along Priests Way.</p> <p>Police/Ambulance/Coastguard – 999 or 112 Leeson House – 01929 422126</p>	