

3rd Brampton Scouts - Risk Assessment for : Cycling along Canal

Location:	Chesterfield Canal	Assessor/Leader in charge	Ryan Draycott / Anthony Hayden
Date of assessment:	14/10/2020	Number of participants in activity (adults and young people):	
First Aid (a first aider should be appointed who is aware of all medical details, will administer medication and first aid if necessary)	Please state the name of the leader who will be nominated the first aider:		

<u>Risk/Hazard</u>	<u>Who might be involved</u>	<u>Control Measurers</u>	<u>Comments/Review/Revision</u>
Uneven Ground Slips/trips/falls	Young people Leaders Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate footwear to be worn. • Leaders to brief all involved in event on potential on-site/en route hazards. • All participants to carry emergency contact number in case of incident. • Emergency access points to be identified in case of incident. • Cycle at a comfortable pace • First aiders in attendance 	
Weather Dehydration	Young people Leaders Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liquid refreshment to be carried/provided • Regular checkpoints to provide extra supplies if required. • Sunscreen/hats to be worn in summer months • No alcohol to be consumed • First aiders in attendance. 	
Hypothermia	Young people Leaders Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate clothing to be worn/carried • Foil blankets/warm drinks to be available. • Regular checkpoints where condition of participants can be observed. • First aiders in attendance • In case of emergency leader to carry mobile phone for calling support crew/emergency services 	
Narrow towpath / Conflict with other towpath	Young people Leaders Volunteers Walkers Fishermen Other cyclists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staggered start times if required • Reflective vests to be worn where required • Pedestrians and fishermen have priority • Proceed in single file where required • Briefing on courtesy to other towpath users • Group leader and back marker required 	

users			
Water Falling in canal/river		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All advised to stay away from the edge • Throw lines used where appropriate • Briefed to stand up, remain calm and swim to the side. • Briefing on Weil's Disease • Properly fitting helmets to be worn • First aiders in attendance. 	
Injury		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First aid cover provided • Emergency access points to be identified in case of incident. • Appropriate footwear to be worn • Support vehicle/team available 	
Narrow Waterway Collision with other canal users		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants to be given full safety briefing before the event. • Leader to keep group in close formation at all times. • Group to travel in single file past anglers and keep clear of lines • Identify procedure for avoiding anglers 	
Getting Lost		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Route map provided / discussed. • Checkpoints and procedure in place if cyclist does not check in. Or regular checks • Group leader and back marker 	
Weil's Disease		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants to be made aware of risk in briefing notes / discussion. • First aid kit/clean dressings to be carried 	
Poor weather/light ning		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review weather forecast and current conditions • Postpone/delay if weather not suitable 	
Equipment failure		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team leader to ensure capability of participants and suitability of their equipment. • Pre-event check by leader 	
Equipment: Conditions, accidents		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycles must be legal and roadworthy • Riders to carry out pre-ride checks, brakes, frame, steering, pedals/cleats, wheels & tyres • Tri-bars are not permitted on ANY Scout ride 	
Equipment: Breakdown,		<p>It is suggested that each rider to carry minimum tool kit comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Method of inflating tyre/inner tube 	

Stranded		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile phone and money/cash card • Cycles must be legal and roadworthy 	
Equipment: Clothing- Visibility, Comfort and safety		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riders to assess weather and dress appropriately • Waterproof jacket/gilet to be carried when needed • Recommended high visibility clothing/jacket • Strongly recommended that Riders wear approved safety helmets, these should not have been involved in a crash impact and to be changed at manufactures recommended intervals. • Recommend the wearing of eye protection 	
Equipment: Communication, stranded		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile phone or money for public phone to be carried • Riders to be familiar with route and be aware of where they are at all times 	
Equipment: Food/Drink		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Familiarise yourself with distance of ride prior to attending meeting point • Riders responsibility to ensure they carry enough food/drink/energy gels for duration of ride • Carry money to purchase food/drink (Where appropriate) 	
Preparation: Health		<p>(Covered in brief)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riders to ensure they are aware of the distance/pace of the ride and are of sufficient level of fitness to complete ride • Do not start any ride if you feeling unwell or you are not able to complete it. • Ensure any specific medication is taken on rides or any other first aid deemed necessary. • If during the ride you feel unwell, inform the ride leader immediately 	
Riders experience: Accident, traffic problems		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group to be split at leaders discretion • Groups should be split according to ability and speed • Be familiar with the Highway Code (Rules 59 to 82) and particular advice on where/when to ride two abreast or single file (rule 66). Always follow any instruction given y the leader 	
Communication		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader to undertake a pre-ride briefing for all riders to cover; • An overview of the route, any stops, likely duration and distance • Any known route hazards, diversions or other considerations • Any issue relevant to the weather (wind/frost/ice) 	
Collision/ Accident: Each other		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure bike is properly maintained • All riders to be conversant with the leader ride calls, hand signals and warnings and ensure that these calls are passed along the line • Ride smoothly and consistently, be aware of those around you and do not brake without warning 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concentrate at all times and anticipate changing road conditions 	
Collision Accident:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riders will conform to the Road Traffic Act and follow the Highway code at ALL times Riders will obey all traffic signals and signs • At times of poor visibility, wear bright clothing and if necessary use cycle lights • All riders to continually assess traffic conditions, driver attitudes and carry out Dynamic Risk Assessments (DRA). E.g get off and walk/use a pedestrian crossing if you have to cross a major road • Should the need to stop arise e.g through puncture, breakdown etc. then a place must be found sufficiently off the road to allow safe passage of traffic • Consider using person(s) at Strategic points to warn oncoming traffic of any obstruction. • Riders to warn of approaching vehicles using known calls 	
Accident: Falling off		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay close attention to the road surface at all times and dynamically risk-assess any changes identified. e.g consider dismounting to cross a ford or stream. 	
Stopping		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always choose a safe place to stop as a group, and in particular avoid road junctions, bends and other physical road hazards. • Warn riders before stopping, and keep the carriageway clear when using roads. • In the event of punctures, breakdowns etc. clear the carriageway if possible, or ride 	
Cycle trails		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed should be reduced on trails. • Be aware of debris, litter and loose surfaces. • When approaching other users, reduce speed and give a warning sound, either mechanical or vocal to warn of your presence. • Dog or pet walkers may need extra time to control or distract their animal so give extra time for warning. • Wild life is more abundant on these trails and riders should be vigilant. 	
Event of accident		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group should be moved to a safe position off the road. • If required, take reasonable measures to control traffic • Administer first aid, if required call 999 for assistance. • If injured cyclist is unable to continue, one of the group must stay with that person until assistance arrives. • Ride leader to assist any casualty in filling in an accident report form. • The Group Scout Leader must be informed after the event and as soon as practical 	