



1st Kesgrave Scout Group

Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, Suffolk IP5 1JF

Name of activity, section, event, and location	1 st Kesgrave Scout Group - External Activities	Date of risk assessment	21 Jun 2026	Name of person who undertook this risk assessment	Alan Comber (working with others)
		Date of next review	1 Sep 2026		

This document covers external activities (services provided by third parties inc other Scout Groups, Scout Camp/Activity sites etc) eg climbing, go-karting, skiing, aqua parks, tobogganing, swimming pools, museum visits, paintballing, cycling, bowling alleys, high wires, canoeing, rafting etc

It should also be read in conjunction with the section meeting and events risk assessment which covers generic items. Where transport is required to get to and from the venue then please read in conjunction with the Transporting People in Vehicles risk assessment.

Hazard identified? Risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
A hazard is something that may cause harm or damage. The risk is the harm may occur from the hazard.	For example: young people, adult volunteers, visitors	Controls are ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk from it. For example, you may use a different piece of equipment, or you might change the way you do the activity.	Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change what you are doing or even stop the activity. This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.
Preparation – venue suitability, equipment, safety	All participants	Check out the suitability of the activity provider as required: - Search website reviews. - Ask to see their risk assessment / Licence (AALA etc) / Insurance Cover. - Arrange a pre-visit. - Ensure they have the necessary qualified staff including first aid qualifications eg BCU permits, high wire training etc. Check if the activity is permitted by the Scout Association / covered by Scout Insurance. Check if the activity has any specific safety requirements / rules specified in POR eg wearing helmets, eye protection, buoyancy aids, footwear etc and act accordingly. Check if activities are suitable for the participants age range(s), heights and weights.	

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		Check for any special forms/requirements that need completing/meeting or clothing required and communicate this with parents and members. Confirm/check that parents have provided consent to undertake the activity, if required. Check whether the service provider needs to be aware of any health issues: • behavioural or disabilities • weak bones, claustrophobia, vertigo, can't swim • dietary, allergy or other health issues (asthma etc) so they can take account of them with respect to the number and suitability of the instructors they provide and to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate them. If they do, then ask when they need to know – before the day or on the day, and check health forms or obtain the information and supply. Check what the scout leaders/helpers' level of participation/role is and act accordingly. Follow all safety/supervision/health instructions by the operator or instructors. Monitor the usage of any kit, clothing and equipment being used– stop activity if it feels unsafe. Monitor participants and flag up any issues with the instructors / supervisors.	
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