RISK ASSESSMENT FORM

East Sussex County Council

Workplace	Buzz Active – Bushy Wood	**Likelihood (L)**	**X**	**Severity (S)**
Risk Assessor	Richard Wilson	Almost Impossible	1	Insignificant (minor injury, no time off)
Activity/Task	Pioneering	Unlikely	2	Minor (injury and up to 7 days off)
Date reviewed	19/02/2026	Possible	3	Moderate (injury causing more than 7 days off)
Benefit of activity	Learn different types of knots, problem solving, team work, develop creativity	Likely	4	Major (death or serious injury)
		Almost Certain	5	Catastrophic (multiple deaths)
		Low = 1-8	**Medium = 9-14**	**High = 15-25**

	What are the significant, foreseeable, hazards? ***(the dangers that can cause harm)***	**Who is at Risk?**	**Current control measures** ***(What is already in place/done)***	**Risk Rating**			**What additional control measures can be put in place to reduce the risk further?**	**Revised Risk Rating**		
				L	**S**	**R**		**L**	**S**	**R**
1.	Manual handling of the poles	Staff Participant	Ensure two people are carrying the pioneering poles/ use a trolley to move the poles to the activity location, be careful of dropping them on feet and bashing others. Clear communication.	**2**	**3**	**6**				
2.	Pioneering poles falling from height	Staff Participant	Group taught different knots at the beginning of the session. Staff always supervising, tight group control and safe area identified.	**2**	**3**	**6**				
3	Uneven ground	All	Make sure everyone is wearing suitable footwear closed toe shoes that are correctly fastened.	**2**	**2**	**4**				
4.	Slips trips and falls	All	Check the area before use and remove any objects that may cause a problem to the session. Suitable footwear and dynamic RA of the ground conditions.	**2**	**2**	**4**				

5.	Collapse of structure	Staff Participant	Structure is to be self-standing. Staff to test before participants stand on the structure. Brief about the possible movement and entrapment.	**2**	**4**	**8**				
6.	Entrapment from rope	Staff Participant	Safety brief Good communication between group, instructor to keep an eye on all participants.	**1**	**4**	**8**				
7.	Weather	All	Gain a forecast and make a judgement on the suitability of the weather before the session. If lightening, remove group from under the trees. Strong winds to be monitored and consultation with Mark (Bushy Manager) to advise on site closure.	**2**	**3**	**6**				
8.	Temperature	All	Dress appropriately for the conditions, make sure the group have the correct protection from extreme heat and extreme cold depending on the forecast. Activities and pace of session adjusted to suit conditions.	**2**	**2**	**4**				
9.	Other people	All	Keep the group away from others on site and address anyone who is unfamiliar to the site. Contact site manager if necessary.	**2**	**1**	**2**				
10.	Animals	All	Do not approach unfamiliar dogs. Be mindful of engaging with other forest users. Do not feed or touch the wild animals.	**2**	**2**	**4**				

11.	Biohazards	All	Visually check area before use for mess and litter. An instructor to remove if you feel comfortable or contact the senior on site. Make sure the group wash their hands after the session	**2**	**2**	**4**				
12.	Vegetation	All	Group briefing of the dangers of fauna and flora. Awareness of different plants that may scratch and sting and what to do. Instructor to keep strong group control and limit access to dense vegetation.	**2**	**2**	**4**				

Action Plan ***(when will the above additional control measures be implemented and by whom?)***

Action	By Whom?	Deadline	Date Completed

Signature and review

Name of Manager:		**Date:**	
1st review undertaken by:	P Lansdown	**Date:**	20/01/2023
2nd review undertaken by:	P Lansdown	**Date:**	23/01/2024
3rd review undertaken by:	R Wilson	**Date:**	11/02/2025
4th review undertaken by:	R Wilson	**Date:**	19/02/2026