

Risk assessment

Name of activity, event, and location	Explorer 24 Geacon Hill Campsite	Date of risk assessment	27/09/2026	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Graham Osborn
		Date of next review			

What could go wrong? What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	What are you going to do about it? How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed? How will they be communicated to young people and adults and remain inclusive to all needs?	Review & revise What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Serious or fatal injury	All participants and instructors		
Ingress into the range	Non participants	Range is within Campsite fenced territory. Range is signed. There is one way in / out. Red Flag indicates 'Range in Use'; A Red flag and post at the only approach and entrance route has the flag displayed from the posts top when range is in use. Removed and replaced into post flag holder after use. Range has minimum 1.5 meter of clay banking around both range sides and 2m at range butts with 1m additional pallet constructed fencing surrounding target area.	
Persons or vehicles external to the range area struck by arrows	Persons beyond range side or backstops at risk of serious injury from possible hit direct or rebound of arrows that breach the range protective measures.	The Range is within the Campsite fenced territory of a minimum 1m height. The Range is bordered by a Campsite access track on western side of a minimum 4m from the range edge and bordered at track side by a 1m fence from entrance to end of target area. Between fence and track is dense mixed woodland and brambles with no other paths or tracks. On its eastern side is Tower Road, a B class road that links Colgate with Faygate and the A264. The nearest	

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	Persons at risk of penetrative wounds, cuts up to possible fatality.	Firing point is more than 15 meters (50ft) distance from centre of highway and of dense mixed woodland with no tracks or paths between. Its southern border is dense mixed woodland without track or path. The Range is signed. Visible from the approach track within the campsite a Red Flag indicates 'Range in Use'; Range has minimum 1.5 meter of clay banking around both range sides and 2m at range butts with 1m additional pallet constructed fencing surrounding target. Activity is managed and coaching provided by trained instructors/permit holders and equipment checked prior to use. Archery Specific When Archery is the activity a netting screen of a minimum 2m height should be hung as an obvious visual and physical barrier to target area, preferably extending across the entire backstop. A cable has been strung across the back of the range to aid the hanging of nets.	
		Activity is managed and coaching provided by trained instructors/permit holders and equipment checked prior to use. All users briefed with safety rules and expected behaviour. Event leader designates firing/archery/throwing range shooting line, no further back than raised shooting platform. Firing from 10m must be from raised platform. Maximum 6 x Firing Points at least 1m apart, one user per point, subject to SA/NGO rules for each discipline. Event leader to manage the firing line discipline, firing when instructed and ceasing when told to do so. Inspection of targets, their replacement and recovery of weapons only at direction of event leader.	

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Archery Impact from projectile	All on the range	All non shooting Scouts and any observers to be kept behind shooting line line at direction of Event Leader. Target stands are of wood construct of a stable construction examined for splinters, any found to be tapped over. Bosess are of straw one is of dense foam designed to capture the arrows. Bosses will be secured to stands. Leaders ensure good safe behaviour.	
Equipment Failure	Users at risk of physical/psychological injuries or near miss events from faulty or broken equipment. Risk of penetrative wounds, cuts up to possible fatality.	Prior to event use equipment checked for faults and suitability. Any faults repaired or equipment taken out of use. Monitor bows & arrows during session.	
Lack of PPE	Users at risk of bruising. Participants and instructors	Arm bracers will be issued and fitted to all.	
Long hair an footwear	Participants at risk of dropped arrows penetrating feet, long hair at risk of being caught in with the string abd being pulled from scalp	Long hair to be tied back or covered by hoody or similar. Footwear to complete cover feet,IE no sandals or crocs. Instructors to monitor when participants enter range.	

Don't forget, as part of your programme planning, you should have contingency activities in reserve just in case you can't do what was planned or you need to stop half way through. Make sure this is shared with those involved, so everyone knows how to respond. You should have risk assessed contingency activities prior to them taking place and communicated key information to those involved as with all activities.

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Weather conditions	Participants and instructors	Participants to be suitably dressed for conditions. If raining is possible to shoot from under cover but consideration to be given to stopping session. Will be stopped if there is a thunderstorm	
Various range rules	Participants	Safety briefing given to each set of archers by instructor, there will be three qualified instructors on the range	

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