



CHESHIRE HIKE

27th - 28th September 2025

Risk Assessment

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Introduction

- Cheshire Hike is an annual event that has been running for many years.
- The Hike Organising team is therefore very experienced and has ensured that learning from previous events has been built into the planning and procedures.
- All participants are provided, via their leader, with a Cheshire Hike Guide giving advice on equipment, mapping skills, hiking skills, practice, and fitness.
- Teams consist of between two and five participants (young people), and they must be in the same age range:
 - Pathfinder At least 10½ years of age, but not 12½ yet.
 - Pathfinder Plus At least 12½ years of age, but still in Scouts or Guides (max. age 14 ½)
 - Explorers At least 13½ years of age, and an Explorer or Ranger (under 18).
- There are three Hike routes – one for each age range. The Hike takes 2 days to complete with an organised overnight stop at a Basecamp.
- Checkpoints and Road Crossings are organised along the route where each team is logged in and out. These are reported back to Hike Control via a real time tracking system, we therefore always know the approximate location of each team.
- This Risk Assessment has been completed following HSE guidance.
- The Risk Assessment has been completed in four parts:
 - The Start and Check in
 - The Hike
 - Basecamp
 - The Finish
- Throughout this document we refer to the below Risk Groups:
 - Participant (young people under the age of 18) – across three age groups; Pathfinders, Pathfinder Plus, Explorers
 - Hike Volunteers (adults aged over 18) – Route Leads, Hike Control, Field Control, Checkpoints, Road Crossings, First Aid, Basecamp, Media.
 - Parents and Leaders.

Conclusions from Risk Assessments

In view of the control measures identified and implemented the Hike is assessed to be as safe as reasonably practicable.

1. Risk Assessment for Start and Check In.

Hazard	Persons at risk	Risk without Controls	Control Measures taken	Risk with controls
Vehicles: Collision with people/other vehicles	Participants Parents and Leaders Hike Volunteers	Medium	• Six start points are used participants will be notified in advance of directions to their start location. • Participants are given a time slot in which to arrive so that large numbers do not arrive at the same time. • Each Start is signed. • Off road parking is available at each Start. • Hike Volunteers supervise parking and wear fluorescent jackets. • Wherever possible participants do not cross the parking area when they leave check in to start the event. • All Field Control and First Aid vehicles have dedicated drivers, signage and amber lights to improve visibility when stationary. • All Hike Volunteers in vehicles have hi-vis. All first aid teams who may need to work alongside roads have long sleeve hi-vis for additional visibility • Where participants are not off the route by dark, they will be escorted by Field Control walkers in hi-vis vests. • Apart from Starts and Finish no other locations are shared with parents and leaders to reduce the risk of additional traffic on the route all Hike Volunteers are only to attend their designated location. • Road crossing and walker signs will be deployed at high traffic areas by hike support team using suitably lite vehicles and hi-vis clothing.	Low

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			Participants are reminded to follow the Highway Code and Green Cross Code. Pathfinders, it is anticipated will number 250, and will use either: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Or [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Pathfinder Plus it is anticipated will number 250 and will use either: [REDACTED] Or [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Explorers it is anticipated will number 200 and will use either: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Or [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	

Participants have insufficient equipment to undertake the hike safely	Participants	High	• A list of essential and recommended equipment is provided for each participant. • Essential equipment is checked at the start point; participants are not allowed to start unless they have the specified equipment.	Low
Participants equipment is too heavy to be carried safely	Participants	Medium	• Keep your load to a maximum of a quarter of your body weight. A safe weight limit is specified for each age group: ○ Pathfinders will only walk carrying a daypack, their team equipment will be transported from the start to base camp and the finish. ○ Pathfinder 6 kg ○ Pathfinder Plus 8kg ○ Explorer 10 kg • Weight is checked at the start and any excess weight removed before the participant is allowed to start. The participants MUST carry the defined essential equipment. • Overweight equipment is transported to the base camp and finish. • Where additional tentage is required for a mixed gender group this will be transported to base camp and the finish.	Low
Failure to know who is participating	Participants	High	• Teams will be entered online which will be their authorisation to participate. They will have identification linked to that authorisation. • Participants start time is reported to Hike Control. • Individuals will be linked to a team electronically; Hike Control will be informed if any team changes required during the hike and will update the tracking system in real time.	Low

Participants have incorrect information about the route to be followed	Participants	High	• The correct map is provided at the start. • Teams are issued with the route sheet. • Sufficient time is allowed prior to departure for teams to mark the route on their maps. If this hasn't already been done at the On-Boarding day prior to the event. • The map is checked by Hike Staff to ensure that participants have correctly marked the route on the map.	Low
Known Medical Conditions	Participants Hike Volunteers	Medium	• Participant and Adult Volunteers Medical conditions are captured at registration and their wrist bands link to their unique record. • Participants and Parents are informed that all medicines should be carried by the participant, accessible and their team should know where it is. • Participants informed to discuss any medical conditions or allergies with their team. Also discuss menu requirements for intolerances. • Hike Volunteers at the Start to confirm medication is carried and the location is known before releasing the team. • Participants to inform Hike Volunteers if they have taken any medication. • First Aiders can access a datasheet of known medical conditions and allergies.	Low

Safeguarding	Participants	Low	Participants with no photo's posting for Safeguarding reasons have a black wristband and are to make Hike Volunteers aware.	Low
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2. Risk Assessment for Hike

Hazard	Persons at risk	Risk without Controls	Control Measures taken	Risk with Controls
Route too difficult for participants	Participants	Medium	- Different routes are set for the different age groups. - All participants are provided, via their leader, with a Cheshire Hike Guide giving advice on equipment, mapping skills, hiking skills, practice, and fitness. - Routes have been set and walked by experienced Route Leads and their teams. - Locally organised hike practices are recommended at Group and/or District level. - Hike Control will have a team of Field Control vehicles with walkers who can assist teams if required and a fleet of minibuses to collect young people who have difficulty.	Low
Route not able to be followed	Participants	Medium	- Routes are checked by Route Leads during planning. - Routes are checked prior to the Start. - Route Leads continuously check the routes for issues.	Low
Participants become very tired	Participants	Medium	- A safe weight limit is specified for each age group. - Distances of Hike routes are set to match each age group. - There are a series of checkpoints along the route staffed by Hike Volunteers.	Low

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			• A lunch break is scheduled into day one. • Participants must take appropriate food with them. • Water is available at each checkpoint. • If participants fail to arrive at the next check point Hike Control is informed and appropriate resources deployed. • Checkpoint teams will ensure that participants who are struggling are given time to rest before continuing or in extreme cases advised not to continue. • Minibuses are available to transport teams to the Base Camp or Finish if required.	
Inappropriate Behaviour leading to accidents or complaints	Participants Hike Volunteers	Low	• Behaviour expectations set out at the Safety briefing. • Particular mention to be made to moored boats on Trent and Mersey Canal and anglers using that stretch of canal • Participants reminded of teamwork and working together. • Participants are monitored at checkpoints and along the route via Field Control teams. • Checkpoint and Field Control Team to flag any behaviour issues to Hike Control. • Participants reminded to follow the countryside code.	Low
Safeguarding	Participants	Low	• The Hike is not advertised outside Scouting. • Routes are known in advance only to the organisers. • Participants travel in their teams. • Route Leads check the route. • There are several checkpoints and road crossings on the route where participants can report any problems.	Low

Hazard	Persons at risk	Risk without Controls	Control Measures taken	Risk with Controls
			• All Hike Volunteers will be identifiable as members of the Cheshire Hike 2025 team and will wear wristbands. • Participants are told not to get into any vehicle that is not marked as a Cheshire Hike vehicle and if the occupants are not wearing identification. • Explain procedure for identifying official staff to participants at safety briefing. • Participants are given an emergency contact number. • Care taken with radio and other communications to avoid giving unnecessary information. We are using Zello, which is secure within the event and split into appropriate groups. • All data managed in line with Data Protection and UK GDPR guidelines.	
Medical issue or Injury to Participants/Hike Volunteers	Participants Hike volunteers	Medium	• Each Participant/Hike Volunteers wristband links to their unique medical record, serious medical conditions are notified to Hike Volunteers. • Participants/Hike Volunteers to report any illnesses to Hike Volunteers as soon as possible. • Each participant/adult volunteer is given an emergency contact number. • Participants travel in their teams. • The team must keep together. Other participants will normally be in the area. • Mobile First Aid Teams are present. • A series of Checkpoints are on the route.	Low

Hazard	Persons at risk	Risk without Controls	Control Measures taken	Risk with Controls
			• Participants are logged in and out of Checkpoints and Road crossings. • If participants fail to arrive at the next Checkpoint Hike Control is informed and will deploy resources. Hike Control will be monitoring teams progress using a tracking system, which will highlight 'overdue' teams. • Checkpoints are in telephone contact with Hike Control. • Hike Control will organise any necessary action. • Field Control patrol the route in a vehicle and are in radio contact with Hike Control. • Field Control has walkers available, in radio contact with Hike Control, who can be deployed to the scene. • Leaders at Check Points should have a minimum of First Response training. Field Control staff have similar training. • Vehicles are available to transport injured participants. Each vehicle is in contact with Hike Control. • Mobile First Aid Teams are present throughout the event. • Participants are trained prior to the event, so they can walk the distance. • Field Control walkers to encourage and support participants along the hike. • Field Control walkers can carry additional weight for participants to the next checkpoint.	
Canal/River Towpaths	Participants Hike Volunteers	Medium	• Only short lengths of towpaths are used and these are wide and well maintained. • The towpaths which are used are:	Low

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			Pathfinder Saturday – [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Sunday – No Towpaths Pathfinder Plus Saturday – [REDACTED] Sunday – No Towpaths Explorer Saturday - [REDACTED] Sunday – No Towpaths • Check Points are located at intervals along the towpath. Participants will be briefed at the start of safety measures to be adopted when walking along towpath. Emergency Access Points have been identified and notified to all participants. • Signs will be placed where hikers join and leave the towpaths. • All participants will receive a Hike Guide: ○ Advice on priority/courtesy towards other towpath uses and awareness of cyclists and anglers. ○ An instruction that teams walk in single file when using the towpath. ○ Advice on taking care around locks and low bridges. ○ To ensure the towpath is always kept clear.	

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			- Emergency procedures in the event of a hiker falling into the canal are detailed in the event contingency plan, however, should this happen Hike Control should be notified immediately via the number each hiker has and they will manage the incident. - These procedures will be briefed out at the pre-event safety briefing. - The hazard in general that water presents and in particular Weil's Disease which is a form of leptospirosis and contracted from the urine of infected rats. The bacteria gets into the body through cuts and scratches or through the lining of the mouth, throat and eyes after contact with infected urine or contaminated water.	
Road traffic accident	Participants	Medium	- Routes are selected to minimise the use of major roads. - Brief participants on how to walk on roads and cross roads if they must. - Wherever possible roads are selected that have grass verges. - Participants are advised to follow the Highway Code. - Where it is not possible to avoid crossing a busy road, road crossing signs are used to alert drivers. - Road Crossing volunteers are deployed on busy roads. - Hike Control to minimise the use of travel in vehicles unless necessary. Road crossing volunteers must not 'stop/control' traffic, their role is to ensure participants check for traffic before crossing - All Hike Volunteers in vehicles to ensure participants and volunteers wear seatbelts whilst travelling in a vehicle.	Low

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			- Remind other volunteers supporting the event to always drive with extreme care. - Field Control and all other Hike vehicles to use separate muster points away from checkpoints to park/rest. - Monitor route during the event and provide additional road crossing support if necessary.	
Participant gets lost	Participants	High	- The plotted route is checked at the On Boarding day/Start. - There is a series of well signed checkpoints on the route to monitor progress. - The route is designed to be completed in the daylight hours available. - Participants have trained before the hike, verified by Leaders. - Teams are told not to split up. - Participants informed at Safety briefing not to follow other teams but concentrate on navigation and surroundings. - Participants are informed not to call parents if lost, call Hike Control. - Preference for participants to have a mobile phone and Hike Control have the number. - Preference for participants to have What3Words app and discussed at Safety briefing. - Hike Volunteers at the Start check that participants leave the check point in the correct direction. - Hike Volunteers at Checkpoints check that participants leave the check point in the correct direction.	Low

Hazard	Persons at risk	Risk without Controls	Control Measures taken	Risk with Controls
			• Participants must not deviate from the prescribed route. • Participants are logged in and out of all Checkpoints. • If participants fail to arrive at the next Checkpoint Hike Control is informed and will deploy resources. • Checkpoints are in telephone and radio contact with Hike Control. • Hike Control will organise any necessary action. • Field Control patrol the route in a vehicle and are in telephone and radio contact with Hike Control. • Participants should record the unique Observer signs number along the route. This ensures that they are following the plotted route. • Where participants are not likely to complete the first day's route before nightfall, they will either walk-in with Field Control walkers or be collected by a minibus and taken to their Base Camp. • The cut off time is 7:00pm (Sunset) on 27 September 2025. • Hike Control has access to a "real time" system to monitor a team's progress. • Field Control can be used to search for participants and assist. • Field Control walkers can support participants at the back of the route and can be positioned by Hike Control at difficult junctions to assist in difficult navigational areas. • Hike Control to contact Police if missing for longer than 90 minutes or sooner if less daylight.	

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			Participants to use emergency contact number if necessary.	
Severe weather conditions	Participants Hike Volunteers	Medium	- The Hike is held in the Autumn to minimise the risk of severe adverse weather. - Participants must have waterproof outer garments and suitable footwear. - Hike Control continually monitors weather conditions and will stop the Hike in the event of severe adverse weather. - Minibuses are available to ferry participants to shelter if required. - Local Scout HQs are available for shelter in the event of severe adverse weather. These will be: -	Low
Slips, Trips, Falls	Participants Hike Volunteers	High	- Weather and route conditions are monitored in the run up to the hike and during the hike weekend, with consideration to modify the route if conditions dictate. - All participants are told from booking that suitable boots must be worn. This is also covered in the safety briefing and again at the start during kit check. - The route is walked by the organising team beforehand, and a suitable route is selected which avoids difficult terrain. - Teamwork is encouraged to help each other over muddy patches or tree routes.	Medium

Hazard	Persons at risk	Risk without Controls	Control Measures taken	Risk with Controls
			Checkpoint staff and Field Control Teams can be used to offer advice and support to participants.	
Injury/Death from cold	Participants Hike Volunteers	Medium	- Conditions are monitored in the run up to and during the hike. If forecast is cold consider sending out additional advice to participants via email, modifying or shortening the route to reduce exposure, postponing the event. - All participants must carry the mandatory kit, which is checked at the start of the hike. - A small amount of additional kit carried by Field Control to aid with lost kit. - Teams are monitored by Checkpoint Teams and Field Control along the route. - Checkpoint staff to hold any participants for assessment by First Aid team if necessary. - Participants checked for appropriate clothing/layers whilst out on route by Field Control and Checkpoint teams.	Low
Injury/Death from heat	Participants	Medium	- Conditions are monitored in the run up to and during the hike. If forecast is for hot weather, consider sending out additional advice to participants via email, modifying or shortening the route to reduce exposure, postponing the event. - All participants must carry the mandatory kit, which is checked at the start of the hike. - A small amount of additional kit carried by Field Control to aid with lost kit. - Teams are monitored by checkpoint teams and Field Control along the route.	Low

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			- Participants encouraged to apply sunscreen and seek shade at stops. - Regular opportunity to top up drinking water. - Checkpoint volunteers to hold any participants for assessment by First Aid team if necessary. - Participants checked for appropriate clothing/layers whilst out on route by Field Control and Checkpoint teams.	
Death or serious injury due to fall from height	Participants	Medium	- Route designed to avoid major height hazards. - Additional volunteers out on route to monitor conditions and recommend route change if necessary. - Participants are told not to climb trees, rocks, buildings etc.	Low
Drowning due to water hazard on route	Participants Hike Volunteers	Low	- Route design avoids the need to cross water without the use of a bridge. - Checkpoints along the canal towpaths. - Conditions monitored during the event with consideration to modify the route if necessary.	Low
Poor Organisation	Participants Hike Volunteers	High	- There is a single person in charge of the Hike - There is a dedicated Hike Control location, which will be at [REDACTED] - Written procedures are available and used. - A suitable commercial communication system is used – Zello.	

Hazard	Persons at risk	Risk without Controls	Control Measures taken	Risk with Controls
			• A team at Hike Control keeps full records of the location of each team. • Route Leads to assist with any issues relating to the route are available for each route, they have vehicles and Zello. • Field Control to assist hike control with monitoring teams • Checkpoint teams are fully briefed and have written procedures to follow. • Information booklets and guidance for the hike are published in advance. • Six separate start points are used. • One Base Camp with suitable facilities for overnight camping is used. • Each team will be monitored at the overnight Base Camp to supervise camping standards. • The Hike is not a race. Points are allocated for standards achieved.	
Participants withdraw without informing Hike Control and are collected by parents	Participants	High	• Hike instructions clearly state that in the event of an issue participants must contact Hike Control and not parents. • Requests to collect young people will only be made by Hike Control or Basecamp. Those collecting may be asked to prove identity	Low
Animals	Participants	Low	• Participants are to be aware of the dangers of infection from animal faeces (Ecoli) and preventative measures. • Participants should avoid contact with large animals (cattle, horses etc) if footpath crosses a field containing	Low

Hazard	Persons at risk	Risk without Controls	Control Measures taken	Risk with Controls
			these animals, participants advised to cross fields with livestock calmly and quietly, keeping together as a team Participants follow the Countryside Code and leave gates and property as they find them.	
Person hit by a drone	Participants Hike Volunteers Parents & Leaders	Low	- Only designated Cheshire Hike Media Team drone operator permitted to use a drone. - Drone operator will select a take-off area which is at least 30 metres away from uninvolved people. (If that is not possible, fly at another time). - Drone operator will not fly in strong winds. (IE 15 mph+) - Drone operator will always keep the drone in line of sight. - Drone operator will carry out pre-flight checks (including that the propellers are all serviceable and the battery is fully charged). Do not fly if there is any damage found. - Drone operator will avoid flying over people. - Drone operator will land the drone when the battery reaches 30% capacity.	Low

3 Risk Assessment for Basecamp

Basecamp is at

Hazard	Persons at risk	Risk without Controls	Control Measures taken	Risk with controls
Inexperienced campers	Participants Hike Volunteers	High	• Camping standards overseen by Basecamp volunteers. • Standards and behaviour at Basecamp are monitored. • Limited spare tents, food, kit available in the event of equipment failure. • Basecamp volunteers available to support participants who are struggling.	Low
Fire and Burns	Participants Hike Volunteers	High	• Stoves (or other heating device) must not be used inside a tent/awning. • Sufficient space will be allocated to allow fire breaks between tents. • Clear explanation of dangers to all users, participants and Hike Volunteers. • Provide a separate area for refuelling stoves • Various clearly identified fire points with buckets and blankets will be provided around the site. • A stable base will be provided to ensure each stove is stable during the cooking activity. • Tie back long hair and avoid loose clothing around fires and naked flames. • Do not reach over fires or flames. • At participant On-Boarding guidance on Safe use of stoves will be highlighted. • Keep flames as far away from flammables as possible.	Low

			• Use a guard where available. • Staffed First Aid facilities are available on site • All safety equipment to be used in accordance with manufacturers guidance • Fire extinguishers are in service date. • Fire blanket in place. • CO monitor in place.	
Severe weather	Participants Hike Volunteers	Medium	• The Hike is held in the Autumn to minimise the risk of severe adverse weather. • Minibuses are available to ferry participants to shelter if required. • Facilities available at Basecamp offering shelter. • Local Scouts HQ's have been designated for shelter in the event of severe adverse weather. • Activity contingency plan in place for the event, including evacuation in case of poor weather. • Basecamp Evacuation will be: ○ Indoor accommodation available for participants whilst removal from site is arranged. ○ Minibus provided for taking participants on and off site as required.	Low
Illness	Participants Hike Volunteers	Medium	• Hand sanitizing facilities provided. Kit list specifies hand gel. • Authorised First Aiders on site. • Communication system to summon assistance.	Low

Participants 'wandering off'	Participants	Medium	• The campsite is supervised by Basecamp volunteers. • Each camp area is supervised by a designated volunteer • Each Participant is checked in and out. • Participants are allocated a set departure time. • Participants who have retired or been withdrawn are supervised whilst awaiting collection by a parent.	Low
Poor organisation	Participants Hike Volunteers	High	• Basecamp has a Volunteer Lead. • There are written procedures for the Basecamp. • Basecamp has a communication link with Hike Control. • Each age group has a clearly marked reception area. • Each participant is checked in. • Basecamp team checks the number and location of Observer Signs recorded. • Drinking water is provided. • Toilets are provided. • Participants who are unable to continue will be withdrawn by Hike Control. • Combined teams will be formed if one team member drops out.	Low
Water and Waste – risk of infection and vermin.	Participants Hike Volunteers	Medium	• Bins provided for waste disposal and waste containers provided for disposal of black bags.	Low
Toilets	Participants Hike Volunteers	Medium	• Individual toilet facilities provided • Appropriate disposal for feminine hygiene products located in the toilets. • Legionella Risk Assessment in place for the site.	Low

Vehicles and People	Participants Hike Volunteers	Medium	• Vehicle access to site is restricted to essential vehicles only • Use of hazard lights and 5mph speed limit on site. • Participants to carry kit to camping area. • Pathfinder kit to be delivered to site prior to arrival of participants.	Low
Food Poisoning	Participants Hike Volunteers	Medium	• Plan menu for lightweight expedition camp and ensure supplied from a reputable source and covered at Safety briefing. • Ensure correct storage of food. • All present must clean hands thoroughly before and after food preparation and before consuming food. • Basecamp Volunteers to be aware of safe cooking/serving practice.	Low
Safeguarding	Participants Hike Volunteers	Medium	• Sleeping facilities provide appropriate division of under 18 and over 18s. • Camping areas are appropriately designated and marked • Second tents provided for mixed groups. • Ensure participants can safely enter and exit their tents without causing harm. • Pitching of tents is supervised to ensure clear areas between tents. • All Adult Volunteers to have in-date Safety and Safeguarding training and Enhanced DBS. • Any Adult Volunteers visiting the site without a current DBS must be always accompanied.	Low

			• All adults on camp to have been issued links to Safe Scouting Cards and online access will be available on site this should be read and followed by all adults on camp. • Event is authorised under County Events protocols. • Appropriate adult to child ratios in place. • Any safeguarding concerns to be reported to The Scout Association without delay. No investigations to be carried out by anyone other than The Scout Association. • Adults to look out for each other, ensuring that no-one puts themselves at risk or allow anyone else to put themselves at risk. • A rest area is provided for Hike Volunteers. • Participants to respect each other's privacy when changing and sleeping. • Unless in an emergency, Hike Volunteers to avoid entering sleeping areas on their own without another adult volunteer present • Hike Volunteers will give directions to participants regarding Evacuation/Invacuation or Lockdown and "sweep" areas	
Behaviour	Participants	Low	• Behaviour expectations are reenforced on arrival at the camp. • Volunteers to be aware and manage group behaviour. • Free time to be managed and with some level of supervision.	Low

4. Risk Assessment for the Finish

Finish Location is: [REDACTED]

Hazard	Persons at risk	Risk without Controls	Control Measures taken	Risk with Controls
Vehicles: Collision with people/other vehicles	Participants Parents Hike Volunteers	Medium	• A large single finish point is used. • Participants arrive at different times. • Participants enter via a separate gate to that used by vehicles. • The check in point is signed. • Off road parking is available. • Hike Volunteers supervise parking and wear fluorescent jackets. • Once the participants have checked in, they move to a waiting area.	Low
Failure to Account for all participants	Participants Parents Hike Volunteers	High	• Participants start and finish times are logged and checked. • Parents are given a time to arrive; they have no access to the participants until the Finish Ceremony has finished.	Low
Participants suffer from cold	Participants Parents Hike Volunteers	Medium	• Participants change into dry clothing and footwear once they have checked in. • The building is heated if required. • Finish Team volunteers continually check on participant's welfare	Low

Slip/ trip falls	Participants Parents Hike Volunteers	High	• All rucksacks are stored in a separate area and only returned to participants at the end of the Finish Ceremony. • Entertainment is provided for participants to minimise boredom. • The building used is well maintained. • Behaviour is monitored. • First Aid team remain on site until the Finish Ceremony is completed.	Low
Poor Organisation	Participants Parents Hike Volunteers	High	• The Finish has a single person in charge. • The building is clearly signed. • Each participant is checked in. • The parking is supervised by Hike Volunteers in hi-viz. • Parents are told in advance where the location is and when to arrive. • All participants must have been collected before the finish point closes.	Low
Evacuation/ Invacuation or Lockdown of the Finish	Participants Parents Hike Volunteers	High	• The assembly point will be the bag area. • The hall will be designated as a safe area. • Hike Volunteers with hi-viz will monitor the route between hall and tennis courts. • Hike Volunteers in the assembly area will do a head count. • Hike Volunteers will give directions to participants regarding Evacuation/Invacuation or Lockdown and “sweep” areas • No-one will leave area until all clear is given.	Low

