

	Risk assessment for: School/Family Activity (beside the River Wear, Chester-le-Street, including Lumbley Park Burn)	Nearest A&E: University Hospital Of North Durham North Road, Durham, County Durham, DH1 5TW 0191 333 2333
	Carried out by: Ivan Dunn Date: 30/06/11 Project: Educational Visit	Site location: River Wear, nr. Durham Grid ref: NZ283511 Site postcode: DH3 3(QT)

What are the hazards?	Risks?	Likelihood	Who is at risk?	Precautions	Further action required?	Person responsible
Uneven ground - Slip, trips and falls	Broken bones, cuts, bruises, muscle strains	medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WRT employees Teachers Students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Try to stay on area which is as flat and even as possible Warn people about uneven footing make sure people have adequate footwear Ensure that the area is kept as tidy as possible avoid steep slopes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check weather forecast First aider present 	I Dunn
Bites and stings	Cuts, soreness, anaphylactic shock	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WRT Employees Teachers Students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide first aid facilities Identify any allergies Check site for nests / hives prior to visiting party arriving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First aider present 	I Dunn
Deep or fast flowing water	Drowning	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WRT Employees Teachers Students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify people of areas of deep water Event to be cancelled in case of flooding/high water River Dipping to be done from bank, everyone to be accompanied when working in water. Throwing line to be carried by activity leader 		I Dunn
Water borne diseases	Infection, illness, death	medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WRT Employees Teachers Students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide hand washing facilities provide and/or display advice cards, (for leptospirosis/Weil's disease) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise tetanus inoculation 	I Dunn

Cold water	Hypothermia	N/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WRT Employees • Teachers • Students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry a survival blanket and spare clothes • first aider to be present 	•	I Dunn
Dogs	Bites, faeces	Low, medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WRT Employees • Teachers • Students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide hand washing facilities • advice people avoid, if possible 	•	I Dunn
Fishing	Puncture by hooks	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WRT Employees • Teachers • Students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check area for fishing line • make sure fishermen don't cast while party is passing 	•	I Dunn
Giant Hogweed	Irritation	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WRT Employees • Teachers • Students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warn people of effects of touching the plant • avoid the area if possible • request the plant is removed where it overhangs the footpath 	•	I Dunn
Items specific to Lumbley Park Burn section						
Crossing high bridges	falling	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WRT Employees • Teachers • Students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warn people to stay away from sides 	•	I Dunn
Golf Balls	Impact	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WRT Employees • Teachers • Students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure that no one is driving when crossing the fairway. If there is wait around the corner until golfers have left the area or until they have asked the group to cross 	•	I Dunn
Riverside Path	Slips, trips, falls, water borne diseases	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WRT Employees • Teachers • Students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request the path is widened before the activity takes place • warn people of the areas near to the path 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure everyone stays behind the walk leader 	I Dunn