

Risk assessment

Name of activity, event, and location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pennine St Georges Day • Grass Sledges • Springfield Park, Marland, Rochdale 	Date of risk assessment	01/12/2025	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Matthew Rush
		Date of next review	01/12/2026		

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?
Slips and Trips	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Advise to wear appropriate footwear. + Advise that ground may be slippery. + Be aware of tree roots 	
Safeguarding	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Leaders to question any suspicious figures and report it to the marshals, DLV or event lead. + Fire assembly point to be pointed out at the start of the service after the colour party has entered. + No parents allowed in the area where the service will be held. + Any young person separated from their group will return to the stage where the event lead will be. This will be pointed out at the start of the service after the colour party has entered. 	
Wet Weather	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Everyone to be advised to bring coats. + Groups have the option to put up shelters. + Go/No Go call on parade and activities to be made by event leader and DLV depending on weather. 	
Geese and other Animals	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Do not feed or touch any animals + Avoid running at them 	

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		+ Wash hands after any contact if it cannot be helped + Watch out for poo	
Steep Hills	All	+ No running	
Crashing into another sledge	All	+ All advised to keep hands and feet inside the sledge + All those in sledges to wear helmets	
Crashing into a fence	All	+ Ensure there is a long run off area at the end	
Sledge turning over	All	+ All those in sledges to wear helmets	
Falling out	All	+ All those in sledges to wear helmets	
Hitting those waiting	All	+ Anyone waiting to have a go must wait at the top of the hill behind the setting off area	
Hitting someone at the bottom	All	+ Ensure run off area and course is clear before setting off	
Sledge Leaves activity zone	All	+ Marshalls to be placed either side of the activity area and one at the bottom to catch anyone required and warn people as required	
Instructor - Training	All	+ Instructor to have full briefing from event lead beforehand + Minimum of 3 additional adults/marshalls required	

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