

Risk Assessment

Task. Re- chalking of the White Horse on Oldbury Castle above Cherhill with the Parish Council

Organisation name: Cherhill Parish Council

Assessment carried out by: Cllr Rob Pooley

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Date assessment was carried out: 13 May 2026

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Large numbers of people crossing the A4 to walk unto the White Horse. Road safety issues, speeding traffic, poor visibility	All persons involved in the re-chalking of the White Horse	Encourage everyone to cross in small or family groups to ensure speed of crossing and encourage everyone to use the Green Cross code when crossing.	Monitor persons crossing and encourage people to cross safely	All councillors	Nil	
Walking up the hill to the White Horse. Slips, trips and falls. Over exertion. Heat injuries. Weather extremes.	All personnel taking part.	Advising everyone to wear suitable footwear and clothing for the weather conditions. Take time climbing the hill. Making sure a sensible route to the summit is identified. Offering assistance if required.	Persons with incorrect footwear and inappropriate clothing should not be allowed to take part in this event unless they change into the appropriate attire.	All councillors	On the day	

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Re chalking of the horse. Slips, trips and falls Blisters Manual handling injuries	Everyone taking part	Bags of chalk are limited to 25 kilograms. Safety ropes will be placed across the current white horse. Gloves must be worn by all workers. First aid will be provided by the Scouts Group.	Monitor on the day and rotate people through tasks to ensure no one person is overworked.	All councillors	On the day	
Weather related problems. High winds or heavy rain could mean the event being postponed due to the gradient of the slope and exposed position. Sunny or hot weather could lead to sunburn and heat-related injuries.	Everyone taking part	Drinking water will be provided for all personnel in the first aid tent. Sun screen should be encouraged regardless of the UV exposure. Persons to be encouraged to wear a hat or suitable head covering. Advise anyone who is feeling unwell due to weather conditions, heat or cold, are to be taken off the work party and escorted down the hill after recovery.	Monitor on the day. Encourage breaks and maintain an overview of weather conditions.	All councillors	On the day.	

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Major incident such as heart attack, heat injury or a stroke	All persons involved	First Aiders on site at all times. Briefing to all persons about correct clothing, equipment use and restrictions.	Ensure Councillors have What, three, words location for emergency services if required.	All councillors	On the day.	
Work equipment. Plant equipment	All persons involved	Only authorised persons are allowed to operate any plant equipment. Cordon off area around plant equipment. Only hand tools to be used by volunteers and Scouts (no rakes).	Monitor on the day	All councillors	On the day	
Descending the hill. Slips, trips and falls due to fatigue and/or weather conditions.	All persons involved	Reminding persons to take care when descending the hill as they may be tired. Reminding persons that the weather conditions may have changed making the route slippery. Reminding persons to take care crossing the A4 again.	Monitor on the day.	All councillors involved to be the last ones off the hill.	On the day.	

Information sheet on how to complete the above risk assessment

1. Identify the Hazard (column 1)

How are people going to work and if plant and equipment are to be used.

What chemicals or substances are going to be used.

The environment that they are going to be working in. (Indoors or outdoors and weather conditions).

Manual Handling.

Who might be harmed by the work being undertaken that are not part of the work party (visitors, contractors, members of public and so on)

Vulnerable people (Young persons, persons with disabilities, older persons) everyone has different capabilities.

2. Access The Risk (column 2,3 and 4)

Who and how might people be harmed.

What control measures are currently in place

What further control measures do you need.

3. When looking at columns 3 and 4 think

Can we redesign the job.

Can we replace materials, machinery or process (do we need to use those chemicals, can we remove that machine from the process).

Can we reorganise the work to reduce exposure to harm from materials, machinery and process (change work pattern to shorter shifts, do we have to do it on that day if the weather is bad, are we putting unrealistic timeframes on the task)

Identify and implement practical measures needed to work safely.

Provide Personnel Protective Equipment and ensure workers are using it.

4. Who carried out the action (column 5)

Whoever is running this task/event for the Parish Council is responsible to ensure that column 3 measures are being used and if actions from column 4 are required, that they are also being used.

5. Columns 5 and 6.

Column 5 is used to record who is responsible for ensuring that any control measures and further control measures that have been introduced are monitored.

Column 6 is used to record when any further control measures are required and when by. This could be ongoing review by the councillor responsible or a set date for that action to happen before work, task or event happens/completes.

6. Review of Controls.

A review of controls should happen regularly but should happen immediately if the follow happens:

Staff changes.

Process changes.

Substances or equipment used changes.

Environment changes.

If any of the above change then the Risk Assessment must be updated or amended to reflect the change.