

**General Risk Assessment – to be completed by Event Organiser**



**Task / activity or premises assessed:** Great Eggcase/Scavenger Hunts      **Location:** Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate

**Name of assessor:** Tony Child      **Date of assessment:** 4/02/2026      **Review Date:** 3/02/27

| <b>Outline of activity/task:</b> Great Eggcase & Scavenger Hunt looking for items to identify in the strandline.                      |                                                                         |                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                  |                                                                           |
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| <b>Hazards and Effects</b>                                                                                                            | <b>Affecting Whom<br/>(staff / visitors /<br/>public / contractors)</b> | <b>Risk<br/>rating<br/>with no<br/>controls</b> | <b>Existing Controls (if any)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Residual<br/>risk rating<br/>(With existing<br/>controls)</b> | <b>Actions<br/>required where<br/>residual risk is<br/>still too high</b> |
| Weather - Hot or Cold: cold<br>Wind or/& Rain<br>Other eg Fog; or Extreme<br>weather conditions<br>(storms/high winds/excess<br>rain) | Staff/ Volunteers/<br>participants                                      | 24                                              | Participants have been advised to wear appropriate clothing for the day, including jackets, water/windproofs. And will be advised to apply sunscreen and wear hats and/or jackets if appropriate. Participants advised to wrap up as cold/chilly. Participants have been advised to wear appropriate clothing for the day, including water/wind proofs. However, events will be cancelled in extreme/ v.poor weather conditions. | 12                                                               |                                                                           |
| Cliff base or face –<br><i>Rockfalls</i><br>Cliff top/promenade- <i>Edge</i>                                                          | Staff/ Volunteers/<br>participants                                      | 12                                              | Event to be held on the beach, well away from any non-defended cliffs. Meeting/event to be held on the beach. Promenade has railings, and access to the event via slope.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 12                                                               |                                                                           |
| Tides – <i>danger of getting<br/>cut off</i>                                                                                          | Staff/ Volunteers/<br>participants                                      | 40                                              | Event runs near low tide & activity to be held on the strandline/ beach; so no risk of being cut off.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 12                                                               |                                                                           |
| Slippery: <i>algae-<br/>steps/slopes; seaweed on<br/>reef</i>                                                                         | Staff/ Volunteers/<br>participants                                      | 36                                              | No rockpooling/paddling planned; activities to take place along strandline and dry beach area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 12                                                               |                                                                           |
| Seawater – <i>algal blooms</i><br>Brackish water - <i>Weil's<br/>disease</i>                                                          | Staff/ Volunteers/<br>participants                                      | 12                                              | No rockpooling/paddling planned; but participants handle beach 'finds' - so are advised to wash hands after handling after event, particularly before eating.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 12                                                               |                                                                           |
| Beach cleans – <i>beach litter,<br/>sharp objects; infection</i>                                                                      | Staff/ Volunteers/<br>participants                                      | 24                                              | No beach clean planned, but participants will be given health & safety on possibility of finding sharp objects in sand; & may collect a piece of litter as part of scavenging along the beach                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 4                                                                |                                                                           |
| Other: Sharps & dogs<br>mess                                                                                                          | Staff/ Volunteers/<br>participants                                      | 24                                              | People are also told to be aware of glass/ceramics/dogs mess (some events are before & after summer Dog Order starts), & not to touch, but inform the leader if any needle is found.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 4                                                                |                                                                           |

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| Wet-slippery slope                         | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 16 | Advised to take care over slippery surfaces.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 8  |  |
| Traffic                                    | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 1  | Event takes place away from highway traffic. However, sand levelling/raking by TDC waste & street cleaning / foreshore does take place – so they will be informed of the event beforehand. H&S to advise care about other users (eg dog walkers). Event Leader will identify a suitable open beach base for the main beach activities (adjacent to the strandline)                                                                                                                                      | 1  |  |
| Other beach users                          | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 10 | To advise care about other users (eg dog walkers). Event Leader will identify a beach base for beach/sand art activities (adj. to strandline)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 10 |  |
| Group                                      | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 8  | The group will be led by TCP staff. All children will be accompanied by a responsible adult. During the activity, the group will move around together and TCP staff and volunteers will distance themselves so that staff/volunteers are spread throughout the group.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 8  |  |
| Child Welfare                              | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 8  | Children will be supervised by TCP staff and volunteers (DBS checked) with parents/responsible adults accompanying them. They will be given H&S guidelines and given boundaries where they can move in between. E.g. stick to above the high tide strandline, & not in water or on any tidal pool that's present.                                                                                                                                                                                       | 8  |  |
| Accessibility                              | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 4  | Can join in if they can walk on sand along bay, as not on slippery rocks/surfaces & can access the ramp/slopes into bay.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 4  |  |
| Coronavirus & other infections             | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 16 | Guidance will be given for latest coronavirus recommendations - from the government; NHS & Thanet Council. Health and safety advice will be covered on the booking form and the start of the event. These activities are outside in fresh air - but we will still suggest that distancing between participant family groups - and we also recommend that people bring their own equipment (pencils/tubs/sieve) - but can borrow if they do not bring, with disinfecting their hands after the activity. | 8  |  |
| Other: <i>eg Needs/special requirement</i> | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 1  | 'Beach within Reach' wheelchairs available on prior request.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1  |  |

Signature of Assessor:    T.Child   

Date: 4/02/2026

**General Risk Assessment – to be completed by Event Organiser**

**Task / activity or premises assessed:** Walk & Talks: Seaweed & their Secrets / White Cliffs of Kingsgate Walks / Chalk Flora Walk

**Location:** Various = as per Management Plan & Maps.

**Name of assessor:** Tony Child      **Date of assessment:** 4/02/2026      **Review Date:** 3/02/27

| <b>Outline of activity/task: Walk &amp; talk with the specialist Walk Leader along the chalk shore</b> |                                                                 |                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                      |                                                               |
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| <b>Hazards and Effects</b>                                                                             | <b>Affecting Whom (staff / visitors / public / contractors)</b> | <b>Risk rating with no controls</b> | <b>Existing Controls (if any)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Residual risk rating (With existing controls)</b> | <b>Actions required where residual risk is still too high</b> |
| Weather conditions                                                                                     | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants                                 | 24                                  | Participants have been advised to wear appropriate clothing for day, including jackets, water/wind proofs. And will be advised to apply sun cream and wear hats and/or jackets if appropriate. If sun out & high UV predicted, or where participants need advice to wrap up as cold chill. If weather conditions are extreme, events will be cancelled.                                                                                                                                                       | 12                                                   |                                                               |
| Cliff base or face – <i>Rockfalls</i>                                                                  | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants                                 | 24                                  | Walks will involve walking on the beach and chalk reef. Advice to be given about the danger of cliff falls - and to avoid standing at the bottom of the cliff as much as possible, and for them to be aware of the chance of cliff falls and debris falling down from disturbance, or from weather conditions from above. We will encourage a safe distance to be maintained all of the time. If people insist on walking under the Kingsgate arch or looking in caves, it will be stated at their 'own risk' | 4                                                    |                                                               |
| Cliff top or promenade – <i>fall from height</i>                                                       | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants                                 | 12                                  | Check-in and initial meeting will be in open areas - on the clifftop (Geology) or Beach/Prom (Seaweed) for these beach events – so will be led away from unfenced prom or cliff top. Walkers are then led down public access steps/slope to the foreshore (if from clifftop/prom).                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 12                                                   |                                                               |
| Tides - <i>danger of getting cut off</i>                                                               | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants                                 | 40                                  | Walks are all planned to coincide with a low tide (Tides confirmed per event /site) – & so these walks and talks will                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 8                                                    |                                                               |

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|                                                                          |                                 |    | end before the tide comes back in too far; so reducing the risk of being cut off on reef/along coast.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |    |  |
| Slippery surfaces: seaweed/mud covering rocks/sand                       | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 36 | Participants/volunteers/staff advised to wear appropriate footwear for beach / chalk reef-rockpools & given safety advice on taking care on slippery seaweed covered rocks; slopes; steps (especially if wet) including not to run. 1st Aid box with TCP (/ RNLI main beaches) for minor cuts.                               | 12 |  |
| Seawater – <i>algal blooms</i><br>Brackish water - <i>Weil's disease</i> | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 12 | These walks are very likely to involve picking up or touching specimens or rocks/seaweed and so likely to come into contact with seawater – so people will all be advised to thoroughly wash their hands afterwards.                                                                                                         | 4  |  |
| Dogs mess, <i>beach litter, sharp objects- cuts and infection</i>        | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 24 | Participants will be given health & safety on joining – esp. if possibility of finding sharp objects/litter on beach; dogs mess - not to touch, but inform leader esp. if a needle is found. People to be told of any specific beach issues. A litter bag will be taken for beach litter and sharps box for any sharps found | 4  |  |
| Cut/scratches – Rocks and barnacles                                      | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 24 | In safety talk, we will highlight risks of scratches/abrasions when touching rock, or near walls/groynes/boulders etc. as well as from sharp shells (eg oyster/ barnacles/ mussels).                                                                                                                                         | 12 |  |
| Injury/strain back / arms - Lifting rocks                                | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 8  | Walk and talk will point out features of interest & there should be no lifting of heavy objects. If lifting objects or rocks, they will be advised to keep back straight with bent knees; & advise to return the rock back the right way round (for shorelife living on/ below it)                                           | 8  |  |
| Injury by animals – crab nip/sting/weaver fish sting /Bee stings etc.    | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 12 | Exploring the seaweeds should have minimal impact or contact with participants apart from seaweed. People are asked to wear suitable footwear for walking on a rocky shore. Any injuries will be referred to our First Aid representatives or RNLI staff for any treatment                                                   | 12 |  |
| Equipment - May suffer injury from using/faulty equipment.               | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 2  | No equipment will be used for walks & talks - just a sample tray for displaying seaweed or fossils                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2  |  |
| Slope/ Steps - slippery if wet                                           | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 16 | After check-in at the start of the event, we will highlight any potential access hazards to avoid, or take care when accessing.                                                                                                                                                                                              | 8  |  |

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| Traffic/ other people - access issues/bumping into   | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 16 | Event takes place away from any highway traffic. However, some authorised vehicular access (eg TDC waste & street cleaning; concessionaires; RNLI or emergency services) or by other authorised users (eg Part of route will access Viking Coastal Cycle trail with frequent cyclists) and other users (eg dog walkers) will be brought to people's attention - to respect and not impeded their space and activity.                                                       | 8  |  |
| Other beach users                                    | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 10 | To advise care about sharing the beach with other users (eg dog walkers); or cyclists on the Viking Coastal Trail.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 10 |  |
| Large group                                          | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 8  | Numbers controlled via booking system. Any children (recommended over 14s) will be accompanied by an adult. The attendees will follow the walk leader in one group; with event leader assisting and helping with participant enquiries. Initial 'Health & Safety' talk to be given about coastal access & risks/dangers along the walk. High Viz vest to help identify walk/event leaders, and Blue T-shirts (volunteers)                                                  | 8  |  |
| Children – lost or separated                         | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 8  | These walks area advertised for 14 years old & above. Any child participants will be accompanied by a responsible adult & advised to remain vigilant of children they are responsible for. See lost child policy (management plan /safari risk assessment below)                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 4  |  |
| Old people -/Accessibility Needs/special requirement | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 4  | Accessibility will be described on the booking form - special requirements will need to enquire. Older people can join in – if unsure, they can walk on sand along the bay, as not on slippery rocks/surfaces & can access the disability ramp/ slope into bay. These participants will have to decide for themselves if they are fit enough for the activity. 'Beach within Reach' wheelchairs can be used only on some bays - but will not be able to access chalk reef. | 4  |  |
| Coronavirus & other infections                       | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 16 | Numbers will be restricted for any event to manage within any public health recommendations - from the government; NHS & Thanet Council. Health and safety advice will be covered on the booking form and also at the start of the event - and will point out the latest advice. Lessons learnt is that we now encourage greater self-distancing; avoid direct contact; and recommending the cleaning of hands after walk/activity.                                        | 8  |  |

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|                  |                                 |  | <p>Participants will mainly be asked to carry out rockpooling or the activity in family groups. These walks are outside in fresh air - but we will still suggest that self distancing takes place between participants as much as possible.</p> <p>When booking, we will also recommend that people bring their own equipment (pencils/tubs/sieve) - but can borrow if they do not bring. Disinfecting their hands after the activity.</p> |  |  |
| Day of the event | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants |  | <p>Emergency site information and risk assessments will be available for all volunteers to view before and copies made available for use at these events - with key site issues &amp; bay contacts raised at the start with volunteers, and at the H&amp;S briefing at the start. Adjustments may have to be made on the day taking weather, or any new incidents on board for the event day.</p>                                          |  |  |

**Signature of Assessor:**     *T.Child*    

**Date:** 4/02/2026

**General Risk Assessment – to be completed by Event Organiser**

**Task / activity or premises assessed:** Seashore Safaris  
**Location:** Various = as per Management Plan & Site Maps.

**Name of assessor:** Tony Child      **Date of assessment:** 4/02/2026      **Review Date:** 3/02/27



| <b>Outline of activity/task: Rock pooling activity searching for marine wildlife on the chalk reef (rocky shore)</b> |                                                                 |                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                      |                                                               |
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| Weather conditions                                                                                                   | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants                                 | 24                                  | On the booking form, participants have been advised to wear appropriate clothing for the day, including jackets, water/wind proofs. And will be advised to apply sun cream and wear hats and/or jackets if appropriate. If sun out & high UV predicted, or where participants need advice to wrap up as cold chill. If weather conditions are extreme, events will be cancelled.                                                                                                                                                         | 12                                                   |                                                               |
| Cliff base or face – <i>Rockfalls</i>                                                                                | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants                                 | 20                                  | Seashore safari are to be held on the chalk reef - well away from any non-defended cliffs. Advice to be given as people are advised on health and safety at the start.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 2                                                    |                                                               |
| Cliff top or promenade – <i>fall from height</i>                                                                     | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants                                 | 16                                  | Check-in for the meeting and start of the event will be held on the beach - close to rockpools - where possible. However, many locations will require check-in be on the promenade (eg Western Undercliff, West Bay, Minnis Bay; & directions from East cliff + sometimes at Stone, Dumpton or St Mildreds) and so require pointing out care needed to stay clear of edge of promenade and how to safely access the beach with care needed (via steps/slope/algae & slippery issues) – particularly if it is unfenced (like at Dumpton). | 4                                                    |                                                               |
| Tides - <i>danger of getting cut off</i>                                                                             | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants                                 | 40                                  | Where events are in the rockpool or near sea edge event starts one hour before Low Tide (Tides confirmed per event /site) – & so activity ends before tide comes back in too far; so reduced risk of being cut off on reef/along coast.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 12                                                   |                                                               |

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| Slippery surfaces: seaweed/mud covering rocks/sand                             | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 36 | Participants/volunteers/staff advised to wear appropriate footwear for rockpools/reef & given safety advice on taking care on slippery seaweed covered rocks; slopes; steps (especially if wet) including not to run. 1st Aid box x2 with TCP / RNLI on main beaches.                                                                                                   | 12 |  |
| Seawater – <i>algal blooms</i><br>Brackish water - <i>Weil's disease</i>       | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 12 | At seafaris the public are likely to be picking up specimens or touching rocks/seaweed – so will be advised to wash hands afterward. Paddling in rock pools only - so no immersion/ swimming in conjunction with this event. Equipment (ie. sieves & tubs) will be used (participants encouraged to bring their own whilst booking) to help observe marine life closer. | 12 |  |
| Dogs mess, <i>beach litter, sharp objects- cuts and infection</i>              | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 24 | Participants will be given health & safety on joining – esp. if possibility of finding sharp objects/litter on beach; dogs mess - not to touch, but inform leader esp. if a needle is found. People to be told of any specific beach issues eg Be aware of glass/ceramics Margate Sands. Litter bag will be taken for beach litter and sharps box for any sharps found. | 4  |  |
| Cut/scratches – Rocks and barnacles                                            | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 24 | In safety talk, we will highlight risks of scratches/abrasions when touching rock, or near walls/groynes/boulders etc. as well as from sharp shells (eg oyster/ barnacles/ mussels).                                                                                                                                                                                    | 12 |  |
| Injury/strain back / arms - Lifting rocks                                      | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 12 | In a safety briefing explain to only lift rocks that are light enough to lift; or ask an adult to help them lift. When lifting rocks keep your back straight with bent knees; & advise to return to the rock back the right way round (for shorelife living on/ below it)                                                                                               | 12 |  |
| Injury by animals – crab nip / jellyfish sting / weaverfish or bee stings etc. | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 24 | Explain to children not to touch a jellyfish /anemone as may get a sting. Advise how to pick up crabs to avoid injuring the crab and reduce likelihood of the crab nipping them. To wear wet shoes /wellies whilst rock pooling. Refer to our First Aid representatives or RNLI staff for any treatment                                                                 | 12 |  |
| Equipment - May suffer injury from using/faulty equipment.                     | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 12 | Check equipment regularly for sharp edges. Use short handled sieves /nets. If group bring own equipment, advise on usage of long handled nets & responsibility for their equipment                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2  |  |
| Slope/ Steps -slippery if wet                                                  | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 16 | Start of event - or after check-in - we will highlight any potential access hazards to avoid, or take care when using.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 8  |  |

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| Traffic/ other people                                | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 1 | Event takes place away from highway traffic. However, sand levelling/raking by TDC waste & street cleaning / foreshore does take place (usually early morning) so they will be informed of the event beforehand. Access may also be required on the lower promenades by Cleansing vans, concessionaire staff or emergency services – so room for access must be allowed between the dry table/people on the promenade & aware of these occasional vehicles.                                                                            | 1 |  |
| Other beach users                                    | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 8 | To advise care about other users (eg dog walkers). Event Leader will identify a beach base for suitable observing marine life (adj. to the rockpools & out of the way of general beach users)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 4 |  |
| Large group                                          | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 8 | Numbers controlled via signing in booking system in addition to limited equipment. All children will be accompanied by an adult. The attendees will disperse across the beach & rock pools rather than staying in one group – except for ‘guided walk’ route and night-time rock pooling. Initial ‘Health & Safety’ talk to be given about coastal environment & risks/dangers.                                                                                                                                                        | 8 |  |
| Children – lost or separated                         | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 8 | All children are to be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult throughout the event. If lone child is brought to our attention, then Event Leader with volunteer (DBS checked staff/main volunteers) will help child, & if no adult appears, then we will liaise with the Bay Inspector & RNLI Lifeguards where present - & through them for Community Police assistance if left for longer period, until the adult is located.                                                                                                   | 8 |  |
| Old people -/Accessibility Needs/special requirement | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 4 | Older people can join in – but we will clearly state only suitable if they can walk along the beach and rocky shore terrain. If problems they can walk along sandy areas adjacent, as rocks can be too slippery, & can access beach via disability ramp/ slope into bay. These participants can only decide for themselves if they are fit enough for the activity. ‘Beach within Reach’ wheelchairs available on prior request for ‘all ability’; & staff will ask to see if we can make any other special requirements at the start. | 4 |  |

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| Coronavirus & other infections | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 16 | <p>Lessons have been learnt from previous year - and some numbers will be restricted to manage with more space (<i>even though the current coronavirus recommendations from government; NHS &amp; Thanet Council have relaxed</i>). Health and safety advice will be covered on the booking form and also at the start of the event - and will point out the latest advice. We have decided to keep measures that will still promote self-distancing - such as 3 wet tables for viewing clearly separated for greater space; no direct contact; and recommending the cleaning of hands after walk/activity . When booking, we will also recommend that people bring their own equipment (pencils/tubs/sieve) - but can borrow if they do not bring. Disinfecting their hands after the activity. Participants will mainly be asked to carry out rockpooling or the activity in family groups.</p> <p>These events are outside in fresh air - but we will still suggest that self distancing takes place between participants as much as possible, and viewing tables will continue to have larger spaces between them, than we used to have pre-covid.</p> |  |  |
| Day of the event               | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants |    | <p>Emergency site information and risk assessments will be available for all volunteers to view before and copies made available for use at these events - with key site issues &amp; bay contacts raised at the start with volunteers, and at the public H&amp;S briefing at the start. Adjustments may have to be made on the day taking weather, or any new incidents on board for the event day.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |  |

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Date: 4/02/2026

**General Risk Assessment – to be completed by Event Organiser**

**Task / activity or premises assessed:** Great British Beach Clean **Location:** a) PlumPudding Bay, Birchington b) Pegwell, Cliffsend

**Name of assessor:** Tony Child **Date of assessment:** 4/02/2026 **Review Date:** 3/02/27

| <b>Outline of activity/task: Litter monitoring and beach clean</b>                                                             |                                                                 |                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                      |                                                               |
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| Weather conditions<br>Hot/Cold/Wind/Rain Other:<br>(eg Fog/mist) visibility                                                    | Staff/ Volunteers/<br>participants                              | 24                                  | Participants advised to wear clothing appropriate for weather, on website eg wind / <b>waterproof clothing</b> , sunhats and sun-cream. <b>Tabards (jackets)</b> could raise visibility of volunteers at work – & could also show the <b>'group' at work!</b>                                        | 12                                                   |                                                               |
| Cliff base or face –<br><i>Rockfalls</i>                                                                                       | Staff/ Volunteers/<br>participants                              | 20                                  | Ask to stay clear of the cliff face on the beach clean                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 2                                                    |                                                               |
| Cliff top or promenade –<br><i>Edge</i>                                                                                        | Staff/ Volunteers/<br>participants                              | 12                                  | Meeting on beach at Pegwell: with none of the task on the cliff top. Walk along Minnis Bay to the Northern Sea Wall - ask participants to take care near promenade edges.                                                                                                                            | 12                                                   |                                                               |
| Tides – <i>danger of getting cut off</i>                                                                                       | Staff/ Volunteers/<br>participants                              | 40                                  | Will be working on the strandline away from high tides. If tide comes in higher than expected, end event and move to higher ground/ leave in case of any bird disturbance                                                                                                                            | 12                                                   |                                                               |
| Wet mud/sands/saltmarsh – <i>slippery/sticky &amp; may get stuck</i><br>Sea defence boulders – <i>uneven/dangerous terrain</i> | Staff/ Volunteers/<br>participants                              | 36                                  | Beach clean to <b>stay off the “wet” areas</b> - mud/sands & saltmarsh. Also to <b>avoid the rocks &amp; revetment boulders</b> (to avoid getting twisted ankles/trapped in rocks etc) or steep beach drops made by the tide – so to stay on the dry beach/grassland above the muds along the beach. | 12                                                   |                                                               |
| Seawater– <i>Algal blooms contaminated water</i>                                                                               | Staff/ Volunteers/<br>participants                              | 16                                  | <b>Use of litter sticks:</b> reduce/avoid potential contact                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 4                                                    |                                                               |
| Beach litter:<br>- <i>sharp objects;</i><br>- <i>infection / contaminates</i>                                                  | Staff/ Volunteers/<br>participants                              | 24                                  | <b>Health &amp; Safety</b> talk at start.<br>Compulsory use of <b>sticks to collect beach litter.</b><br><b>Ask people to bring their own gloves on joining instructions if they want to use gloves.</b>                                                                                             | 4                                                    |                                                               |

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| <i>glass &amp; dog's mess</i>                                                                                 |                                 |    | <p><b>"Call leader"</b> for use of 'sharp's boxes' for any very sharp objects/dangerous waste found eg needles; or '<b>Buckets</b>' (as more useful for any extensive glass) if needed.</p> <p><b>First aid</b> box on hand.</p> <p><u>Collect &amp; record litter</u> – <b>leave natural items</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                      |    |  |
| Walking on uneven surface                                                                                     | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 36 | HIGH – to twisted ankles Advise use of suitable " <b>stout footwear</b> " or boots                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 12 |  |
| Terrain– <i>trespass/safety</i>                                                                               | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 4  | Advice to keep to <b>public access trail (a) or path</b> & road from car park to beach <b>(b)</b> Low                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 4  |  |
| Other users                                                                                                   | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 12 | Other users – potential for conflict of activities, <i>such as dog walkers, kite surfers, walkers</i><br><b>Raise awareness of other users</b> on the beach clean area & store bags in location to avoid obstruction/allow access for collection (eg not in way of cyclists on N.Sea Wall).                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 12 |  |
| Large Group <i>management</i><br>- <i>Organisation</i><br>- <i>Visibility</i><br>- <i>Health &amp; Safety</i> | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 8  | Notified <b>meeting point on Beach</b> – with equipment & 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid kit. <b>Hi-Vis jackets</b> (tabards) for better visibility of volunteers Group registered with MCS-with some TCP/local volunteers. Advice given online - but also covered by <b>H&amp;S talk at start</b> - point out risks & work environment <i>eg muds/boulders/sharps</i>                                                                                                                                  | 8  |  |
| Old people -/Accessibility<br><i>Needs/special requirement</i>                                                | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 4  | Litter pickers available for people to avoid back strains. Can work in pairs to reduce workload.<br>Older people can join in – if unsure we will suggest that they can walk on sand along the bay, as not on slippery rocks/surfaces & can access a disability ramp / slope onto bay or stay on the promenade. These participants can only decide for themselves if they are fit enough for the activity. Staff will ask to see if any other special requirements are required at the start. | 4  |  |
| Children – lost or separated                                                                                  | Staff/ Volunteers/ participants | 8  | All child participants will be accompanied by a responsible adult advised to remain vigilant of children they are responsible for. TCP staff are DBS checked as well as some of the main 'educational' activity volunteers (not required by all , as children accompanied)                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 8  |  |

Signature of Assessor:     T.Child    

Date: 4/02/2026

This matrix is suitable for all the activities that the individual undertakes.

|                       |                     | Risk Rating Matrix              |                              |                          |                               |                          |               |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
|                       |                     | SEVERITY                        |                              |                          |                               |                          |               |
|                       |                     | Multi<br>ple<br>Death<br><br>10 | Singl<br>e<br>Death<br><br>8 | Major<br>Injury<br><br>6 | '3<br>day'<br>Injury<br><br>4 | Minor<br>Injury<br><br>2 | None<br><br>1 |
| LIK<br>EL<br>IH<br>OD | Certain<br>10       | 40                              |                              |                          | 40                            | 20                       | 10            |
|                       | Very<br>Likely<br>8 |                                 |                              |                          | 32                            | 16                       | 8             |
|                       | Probable<br>6       |                                 |                              |                          | 36                            | 12                       | 6             |
|                       | Possible<br>4       | 40                              | 32                           | 24                       | 16                            | 8                        | 4             |
|                       | Unlikely<br>2       | 20                              | 16                           | 12                       | 8                             | 4                        | 2             |
|                       | V. Unlikely<br>1    | 10                              | 8                            | 6                        | 4                             | 2                        | 1             |

**Notes:**

The numerical scale used is to allow comparisons of the risk levels only. No literal meaning is implied by the scoring level.

**'Major Injury'** shall be as defined in the Reporting of Injuries Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations - please see the Accident/incident reporting guidance note for further information on this.

| Key to Shading |        |                                                               |
|----------------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
|                | High   | Level of risk is unacceptable                                 |
| 16 - 40        | Medium | Level of risk may be tolerable. Seek to reduce level of risk. |
| 1 - 12         | Low    | Level of risk is acceptable                                   |

**Definitions for Likelihood**

|                      |           |                                                                                                       |
|----------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Certain</b>       | <b>10</b> | <b>Has happened before and is expected to happen on this occasion.</b>                                |
| <b>Very Likely</b>   | <b>8</b>  | <b>Has happened before and is very likely to happen on this occasion.</b>                             |
| <b>Probable</b>      | <b>6</b>  | <b>Has been known to occur before and is likely to happen on this occasion.</b>                       |
| <b>Possible</b>      | <b>4</b>  | <b>Has been known to occur and it may happen on this occasion.</b>                                    |
| <b>Unlikely</b>      | <b>2</b>  | <b>Has been known to occur before but no reason to suggest that it will happen on this occasion.</b>  |
| <b>Very Unlikely</b> | <b>1</b>  | <b>Has never happened before and there are no reasons to suggest it will happen on this occasion.</b> |

# Health and Safety at Work Emergency Site Information

Compiled by: Tony Child      Date: 4/02/2026

This form is to record useful information and emergency detail - to be carried by the Activity Leader, prior given to all volunteer helpers - and therefore available to people participating (with Site Maps included).  
Closest [Toilet facilities](#) (TDC)

|                                           |                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Name of site</b>                       | <b>Various: see activity, dates &amp; maps above</b>                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Meeting Point and Vehicle Access</b>   | <b>Shown on each map</b><br>Postcodes: also shown                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Grid Reference and Postcode</b>        | <b>Emergency vehicle access is at the main access points to the promenade or beach</b>                                                                                 |
| <b>Rock pooling site - Grid Reference</b> | <b>Grid referenced &amp; Postcode given on each site/Map – Chalk reef exposed at low tide close to meeting point.</b>                                                  |
| <b>Access to and from shore on foot</b>   | <b>Concrete slope &amp;/or steps down to promenade from the road/clifftop. Further steps onto sandy shore.</b>                                                         |
| <b>Main contact</b>                       | <b>Tony Child, Thanet Coast Project (NEKMPA) Officer,<br/>Tel: 01843 577672 mob: *(priv) WORK: 01843 577672</b>                                                        |
| <b>Local Coastguard Office</b>            | <b>DOVER - HM Coastguard, Langdon Battery, Swingate, Dover, Kent, CT15 5NA<br/>Tel : 01304 210008<br/>Operational Area: Reculver Towers to Beachy Head, Belle Tout</b> |
| <b>Nearest phone</b>                      | <b>Phone 1 Leader mobile (3 network)<br/>Phone 2 Mobiles carried by other volunteers</b>                                                                               |

**Emergency numbers**

**Nearest hospital with accident and emergency (see map/s)**

Plus RNLI lifeguards / Bay Inspector / & cafes where present  
**Mobile phone: 112 (priority emergency number for mobiles)**

**Land-line: 999**

**Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother Hospital,  
St Peters Road, Margate, Kent, CT9 4AN  
Tel: 01843 225544**

<http://www.nhs.uk/servicedirectories/pages/ServiceSearch.aspx>

**Medical Advice**

**First Aid Pack**

**Particular features of site**

**NHS Direct 24-hour helpline: 0845 46 47**

**First Aid Pack with Leader / Safari Table**

**Site description**

**Each site is specific - sandy beaches and chalk reef and chalk cliffs - with sea defence promenades where present (see maps). Chalk platforms accessible at low tide. Access Emergency Access points shown (slope / steps). Public access described on booking forms/site maps.**

