

Risk Assessment Form - This risk assessment consists of three sections

Assessment Reference No.	BG/RA6/V2	Area or Activity Assessed	Beating the Bounds Event	Total no. of continuation sheets used:
Assessment Date	August 2025			
Persons who may be affected by the activity (i.e., are at risk)	Staff, General Public and Members			4

SECTION 1: Hazard and Risk Controls

No	Hazard/Work Description	Existing controls in place to reduce risk (you must check that these controls are actually working)	Residual Risk			Further action needed to reduce risks	Reduced Risk		
			S	P	R		S	P	R
1.	General Hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefing given at start of event, route information, H&S, emergency process and stewards to assist. Participants informed of potential hazards, distance, uneven ground, weather conditions. Participants informed to wear suitable clothing for the prevailing weather including suitable footwear for uneven ground. To be aware of the location of some stones as they are in HIGH-RISK locations and should NOT be used for bouncing on. See appendix 1. Participants informed the event is not suitable for persons with reduced mobility. First aid operative and supplies will be available. Mobile phone available for emergencies. Route pre-assessed for specific hazards. 	3	2	6	<p>Information pack and map could be provided to participants.</p> <p>Any potential hazards marked on the map</p> <p>Emergency procedure printed on the information.</p> <p>To avoid using stones in the HIGH-RISK locations as per the report. See appendix 1.</p> <p>Names of stewards or management provided.</p>			
2.	Struck by vehicle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-route assessment to be completed by senior manager taking part. Staff will plan route to avoid busy traffic routes, road crossings as far as is practical. Designated crossing areas to be used if available. Members of staff (stewards) will be positioned at the front, middle and rear of the group. All staff (stewards) will wear hi visibility clothing. 	5	2	10	<p>Small groups of 5 people to cross any busy roads at one time in a controlled manor.</p> <p>Do not run across the roads. Wait for a larger gap in the traffic.</p>			

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3.	Natural Hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The route will be surveyed prior to event, any areas which pose significant risk have been risk assessed and additional controls put in place where practical. Walkways have been strimmed and cleared of any natural hazards including low hanging branches. 	3	2	6	<p>Areas surrounding the stones to be cleared and hazards removed.</p> <p>Walkways to be cleared of any hazards.</p>			
4.	Slips, trips and falls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-route assessment completed. Potential obstacles removed if practical. Warning given by staff of potential hazards. All participants informed to wear stout footwear with good grip. Areas around boundary markers to be cleared to allow safe access and to provide suitable viewing area. 	3	2	6	<p>Stewards to make public aware of any hazards when approaching crowded areas.</p> <p>Do not create any blocked areas in roads for cars to pass safely.</p>			
5.	Adverse weather conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The weather to be assessed prior to the event, if extreme weather conditions forecast event will be postponed. 	3	2	6	Weather to be checked 24 hours prior to the event. And again 5 hours prior to start time giving plenty of notice to cancel.			
6.	Animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Route walked will be pre-assessed no area will be accessed with potentially dangerous live stock. All dogs to be kept on a lead. 	4	2	8	To follow the Country Code of practice at all times.			
7.	Welfare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local welfare facilities available. Bus return from Notter Bridge. 	3	2	6	Stewards to advise on the day.			
7.	Manual Handling, lifting of participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Person to be lifted to be consulted on any pre-existing conditions or injuries. A minimum of 4 people (lifters) required to avoid accidents. Lifters to be capable of safely lifting the person being lifted. A safe practice lift to be carried out using manual handling technique to be applied prior to the actual event. Lift duration to be kept to a minimum. 	3	2	6				
Name of Assessor(s)		Ian Bovis	Signed	180115		Position	Service Delivery Manager	Review date	8/08/25

I confirm that this risk assessment is an accurate reflection of the risks and controls in place and that the additional controls identified will be provided **YES**

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SECTION 2: ASSESSEMENT REVIEW RECORD

If significant changes are made a new risk assessment form must be completed.

Date of review	Name of Reviewer	Signature	Comments	Next review date
8/08/25	IAN BOVIS	<i>I BOVIS</i>	Some additions have been added for the event in October	8/8/26

SECTION 3: Tables

Severity

CATEGORY	Example – for guidance only	Score
INSIGNIFICANT	None or only insignificant injuries, health effects, damage or disruption to work.	1

Probability

CATEGORY	Example – for guidance only	Score
VERY UNLIKELY	Good control measures are in place. Controls do not rely on a person using them (i.e., personal compliance with safety rules).	1

MINOR	Minor injuries or health effects - cuts, bruises, mild skin irritation, mild aches and pains – requiring first aid only. Minor property damage or disruption to work.	2
MODERATE	More serious injuries or ill-health requiring time off work or a hospital visit, e.g., burns, sprains, strains and short-term musculoskeletal disorders, cuts requiring stitches, back injuries, fractures to fingers or toes. More serious property damage or disruption. Short-term stress-related absence.	3
MAJOR	Broken limbs, amputations, long-term health problems or absence resulting from work. Acute illness requiring medical treatment. Loss of consciousness, serious electric shock, loss of sight. Major property damage, major disruption to work.	4
FATAL/ CATASTROPHIC	Injury or ill-health which leads to death either at the time or soon after the incident, or eventually, as in the case of certain occupational diseases, such as asbestos-related cancers. Catastrophic business losses.	5

	Controls are very unlikely to break down. People are very rarely in this area or very rarely engage in this activity.	
UNLIKELY	Reasonable control measures are in place but they do rely on a person using them (some room for human error). Controls unlikely to breakdown. People are not often in this area / do not often engage in this activity / this situation is unlikely.	2
POSSIBLE	Inadequate controls are in place, or likely to breakdown if not maintained. Controls rely on personal compliance. People are sometimes in this area or sometimes engage in this activity / this situation sometimes arises.	3
LIKELY	Poor controls in place. Heavy reliance on personal compliance (lots of room for human error). People are often in this area / engage in this activity on a regular basis / this situation often arises.	4
ALMOST CERTAIN	No controls in place. Exposure to the hazard is expected to occur in most circumstances.	5

RISK SCORE = Severity X Probability

Risk Level	Low (1-5)	Medium (6-10)	High (11-15)	Very High (16-25)
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Appendix 1 – dangerous stones on the Beating of the Bounds walk

STONE 1

Located on the bridge crossing the Clarks Lake stream. Set against the wall. **MEDIUM RISK**

STONE 3

Located at the bottom of the lane over Clarks Lake stream next to a property entrance and field gate.

THIS STONE IS HIGH RISK DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE OPEN RIVER BEHIND. FOOTING NOT EASY.

STONE 5

Located in the hedge and the bottom of Cocks Lake Lane on a bend. Runs next to the stream.

MEDIUM RISK MAKE SURE OF FOOTING BEFORE ANY LIFTING

STONE 6

Located in the wall of the bridge over the river Lynher near Notter Bridge.

HIGH RISK DUE TO HEIGHT OF DROP TO RIVER BELOW. WOULD NOT RECOMMEND THIS BEING USED