

Cudham Shaws Outdoor Centre

Risk Assessment

Air Rifle Shooting

Name of activity, event, and location	Air Rifle Shooting Cudham Shaws Outdoor Centre Lower Site, Rifle Range	Date of risk assessment	September 2022	Name of person doing this risk assessment	G Whitehead
		Date of next review	March 2023		

What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed? How will they be communicated to young people and adults?	Review & revise. What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Impact from pellet	All	The instructor gives clear and simple instructions on the rules of the range. At all time's participants are supervised by a qualified instructor. Instructor checks that everyone has understood the rules before continuing. Access to the range is controlled. There is a solid barrier between the firing stations and access to the range. Access to pellets is controlled by the instructor. Signs warning people of the danger if they enter the area. Physical barriers to prevent people walking in to the danger area	
Rifle being stored loaded	All	The instructor checks at the end of the sessions that the rifle barrel is clear. All rifles are stored in the broken position.	
Loading the Rifle (Danger of loading whilst pointing at another person).	All	Instructor to give clear demonstration and instructions on the safe way in which to load the rifle. Instructor to supervise whilst participant are loading their rifles. Participants told not to put their finger near the trigger when loading the rifle. Number of people at the firing points controlled by the instructor.	
Crushed fingers.	Participants	Instructor demonstrates where participants are to put their hands when they are loading the rifle. Instructor to supervise to make sure they are following the instructions.	
Over shoots and side shoots.	All	Participants given clear instruction on the direction of shooting. Range perimeter in sound condition. Physical Stop behind targets to stop stray pellets.	
Unauthorised use	All	All rifles and pellets removed from the range after use.	