Risk Assessment – Muck Chuck

Event / activity name:	General Events (Muck Chuck)	Assessment date:		Review date:	
Areas being assessed:	Streets in and around named towns and villages and postcodes		Assessor(s) name:	Club/District Officer Julie Spink, County Coordinator Darren Coates, H&S Officer	

Introduction to the Event/Activity

This risk assessment is to be used for General Events and considers the risks associated with setting up an planned muck chuck activity at venue, in Yorkshire. This assessment should be used in conjunction with other specific activity risk assessments.

This assessment covers the planning, organisation and slip, trip or fall hazards; road dangers, crowd control etc. The assessment also considers the running of the event and the pack down of the equipment.

The event is due to take place on date and last for 6 hours.

The persons attending the event will be 'Young Farmers' between the age of 10-28 and any accompanying parents/guardians/associate members all of whom will have evidence of membership/links to YFC members.

Activities Assessed as part of this Risk Assessment:

- Traffic management
- Manual handling
- Slip, trip and fall hazards
- Crowd control
- Hazardous substances
- Welfare provision
- Adverse weather conditions
- Violence and aggression
- Fire and explosion
- Lone working
- High temperatures
- Muck Chuck

The Safe Operating Procedure Protocol for General Events must be followed and used in association with this document.

Supplementary Safe Operating Procedure Protocols have also been produced to accompany the related General Events Safe Operating Procedure Protocol relating to: Crowd Management; Fire and Explosion; Marquees; Transport; Working at Height and Ladders; and Manual Handling

In addition to the inherent hazards and dangers of the activities have you considered:

- The environmental conditions?
- The premises / site conditions?
- The weather?
- The age, knowledge and experience of the attendees?
- Mobile phone signal.

Important information:

First Aiders:

Nearest hospital:

What3words:

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Vehicle Impact / Crushing	Traffic Management	Members, stewards and others may suffer serious, possibly fatal, injury if struck by a vehicle.	▪ Ensure muck chuck is only offered to residents living on A or B roads. Avoiding major roads or those with roadworks. ▪ Segregation of pedestrians and vehicles. ▪ Ensure members and stewards use the green cross code to cross the road safely.	Low	▪ Remind stewards that hi-visibility tabards must be worn by members and stewards. ▪ (Where possible) design route to minimise reversing on site. Any reversing where vision is significantly impaired should be directed by a banksman, working from a safe position. ▪ Minimal number of members and stewards working behind tractor at any one time. ▪ Ensure traffic cones are in use and tractor is using flashing lights/hazard lights. ▪ Remind members of the dangers of the vehicles nearby and ask that they stay away, where possible, from the edge of the pavement.	Named person and club		
	Loading/Unloading of Muck	Members, stewards and others may suffer serious, possibly fatal, injury from falls from trailers loading/unloading.	▪ Ensure any member or stewards unloading muck are briefed in safety measures. ▪ Minimise amount of equipment that will be carried by members. ▪ Loads are secured safely before the tractor and trailer is moved. ▪ Ensure that the tractor driver is suitably qualified with a driving licence, trailer licence and insurance.	Low				
	Segregation of vehicles/pedestrians whilst setting up	Members, stewards and others may suffer serious, possibly fatal, injury if struck by a vehicle.	▪ Only competent tractor drivers should operate machinery. ▪ Drivers should be warned of the presence of hazards and members of the public. ▪ Only a minimal number of members will be involved with unloading the trailer to alleviate extra people being in the way. ▪ Pedestrians requested to use pathways and members to refrain from unloading trailer if approached by a pedestrian/dog walker until they have walked past.	Low				
Manual handling	Setting up of the working area.	Stewards and members may get musculoskeletal problems, e.g. back pain from moving potentially heavy objects and strenuous lifting/bending.	▪ No person with known previous musculoskeletal problems will be allowed to help with this part of the activity. ▪ Ensure enough helpers are on hand, so any heavy/large objects required are moved/positioned by more than one person.	Low	▪ Ensure any large equipment is brought by vehicle (following vehicle RA above), to get it as near as possible to the required position before any manual handling is needed.	Named person and club		
Slips trips and falls	Public Areas where the competition is taking place.	Stewards, members and the public may suffer injuries such as fractures or bruising if they slip or trip on uneven or slippery surfaces or over objects.	▪ Correct tools / equipment used at all times. ▪ Waste collection arrangements in place to remove litter. ▪ Avoid slippery areas where possible and redirect vehicles and pedestrian traffic routes.	Medium	▪ Ensure members and stewards understand the importance of good housekeeping. ▪ All attendees should be advised to wear appropriate footwear (strong and comfortable with a good grip). ▪ Regular checks should be carried out during the event to ensure these areas are free from obstruction and tripping hazards. These should be recorded. ▪ Assess weather forecast in the days before/on the day of the event and if necessary take extra measures to reduce this hazard (i.e. avoid flooded areas).	Named person and club		

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Crowd control failure related hazards (e.g. crushing, panic, stress)	Provision of escape routes	Stewards and members may suffer crush injuries or fire-related injuries in the event of an evacuation.	▪ Provision of stewards on the activity. ▪ Provision of steward briefing before the activity begins. ▪ Event will be taking place outside so will be in open space with room for distancing and no building that will need evacuating from.	Low	▪ Display "Keep Out"/"No Entry" warning signs to certain areas (e.g. bar storage areas/parts of the venue location not being used for the event). ▪ Regular audits to take place during the event to monitor escape routes. ▪ Refer to the HSE guidance document 'Managing Crowds Safely': A Guide for organisers at events and venues' http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/hsg154.htm ▪ Refer to the HSE guidance document 'Event Safety: Second Edition' for a guide to health, safety and welfare at music and similar events http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/priced/hsg195.pdf	Named person and club		
	Safeguarding point.	Stewards and members may suffer crush injuries.	▪ Provision of stewards. ▪ Stewards provided to monitor juniors in line with the safeguarding policy.	Low		Named person and club		
	Provision of First Aid	Stewards and members and the public may suffer prolonged injuries and pain without the adequate provision of first aid.	▪ Liaise with stewards. ▪ Stewards to be familiar with arrangements for summoning first aid assistance.	Low		Named person and club		
	Emergency Procedures	Any persons could be harmed.	▪ Liaison with stewards. ▪ Make all participants aware of the first aid points/first aiders that they should summon/go to in the event of an emergency. ▪ Have named first aiders at the event.	Medium		Named person and club		
Hazardous substance	Waste materials and hazardous substances (i.e. chemicals at a farm site).	Stewards and members risk skin problems from contact with chemicals or breathing problems from vapour.	▪ Stewards and members will not be using chemicals. ▪ Suitable PPE available for handling waste materials (muck). ▪ All participants told to wash hands after contact with waste materials, and especially before eating, drinking or smoking. ▪ Suitable hygiene facilities available for all personnel. Hot/cold water, soap and paper towels available.	Low	▪ Ensure that all chemical containers are not handled by stewards or members. The farmer is responsible for chemicals on his premises. ▪ Remind members and stewards to cover small cuts and abrasions with plasters if necessary. ▪ Download HSE guidance on dermatitis to check that current control measures are sufficient. http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg233.pdf	Named person and club		
Unsanitary conditions & human disease transmission	Sanitary Conveniences	Members and stewards may suffer from diseases of public health significance resulting from contact with human waste.	▪ Liaise with organisers and venue stewards. ▪ Hygiene facilities available for all personnel. ▪ All participants to wear disposable gloves.	Low	▪ Refer to the HSE guidance document 'Managing Crowds Safely': A Guide for organisers at events and venues' http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/hsg154.htm	Named person and club		
	Welfare facilities for stewards	Stewards could suffer from fatigue due to lack of breaks, extremes of temperature and loss of body fluids.	▪ All stewards to be given suitable rest facilities and breaks during an event. ▪ Drinking water must be available.	Low	▪ Club to ensure toilet and handwashing facilities are available on route.	Named person and club		

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			▪ Helpers across the weekend will be on a rota to ensure the same people are not helping for too long without a break. ▪ When working with and handling any of the food available across the weekend, those doing so will have been briefed on all the necessary food hygiene procedures including hand washing and at least one of the helpers there on both days will have a food hygiene certificate.					
Adverse weather conditions.	Working in cold or hot environment	All those there during the weekend risk discomfort and possible ill health from exposure to weather extremes, including sunburn.	▪ All participants reminded to be prepared for this by bringing suitable PPE including warm, waterproof clothing for cold, wet weather. ▪ Stewards briefing for the weekend will advise to be prepared for the weather and if sunny will advise about risks of sunburn and ask them to remind members/public of these risks too.	Medium	▪ Ensure PPE is worn. ▪ Monitor the weather forecast to establish the level of which of these risks, if any, may occur. ▪ Download HSE guidance on the health risks from working in the sun to check that current control measures are sufficient. http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg147.pdf	Named person and club		
Violence / verbal abuse.	Muck Chuck route	Stewards and members may experience stress and/or injury from verbal abuse, and/or assault, from anyone attending the weekend	▪ Membership/YFC friends/contacts only attending activity. ▪ Stewards provided throughout duration of the event. ▪ First aid provision in conjunction with the emergency plans. ▪ Avoid blocking roadways and delaying traffic where possible. Tractor driver to park safely.	Low	▪ Stewards to receive conflict management training – via the Safety Protocol. ▪ Anyone showing this level of unacceptable behaviour will be asked to leave the event and will be unable to take any further part in the activity. ▪ Download free HSE guidance on violence at work to check that current control measures are sufficient. http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg69.pdf	Named person and club		
Catering **Food poisoning**	Food service and cooking areas	Food preparation helpers and stewards.	▪ Food preparation helpers will be working under the guidance of a steward with a Level 2 Food Hygiene Certificate ▪ Helpers will follow the “Essentials of Food Hygiene”. ▪ Helpers will provide their own suitable personal protective equipment such as apron, oven cloth or mitts. ▪ BBQ helpers will use long handled tongs for handling the food. Separate tongs will be used for cooked and chilled foods. ▪ Helpers will ensure the food is cooked through and safe to eat. ▪ Helpers will ensure food service surfaces are cleaned with hot soapy water. ▪ Helpers will dispose of any uneaten food safely.	Medium	▫ Ensure staff are aware of the food hygiene expectations.	Named person and club		

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Lone Working	All areas	Attendees may experience stress and/or injury from verbal abuse, and/or assault, from members of the public. Attendees may experience injury whilst working alone.	▪ All stewards to carry mobile phones. ▪ All instances of abuse/assault investigated to see if lessons can be learnt. ▪ No activities across the day will be carried out fully alone. No junior members will be left unsupervised.	Low	▪ Stewards to receive conflict management training – via the Safety Protocol	Named person and club		
Muck Chuck	Injury to members and stewards	Members and stewards	▪ All participants will be asked to adhere to any rules, and these will be followed and enforced for safety reasons. ▪ Participants to be warned of uneven roads and surfaces around the route before setting off. ▪ Participants requested to wear sturdy steel toe capped footwear, appropriate clothing and hi-viz vests during the activity. The club will provide disposable gloves. ▪ Participants asked to take care when loading and unloading the muck, and also whilst leaving and returning to vehicle between stops. ▪ Participants to follow the green cross code. ▪ Organiser to request the tractor and trailer driver is qualified and park the agricultural equipment in safe locations, avoiding blind bends and off the main road if possible at each location. ▪ Participants will be instructed on the pre-organised route and timetable and the farms/premises to be visited and monitor each other's safety. ▪ The date of the muck chuck will be selected using weather forecast information and in extreme weather conditions, the event will be postponed to a later date. ▪ All participants to use manual handling skills and only lift manageable weights of chuck. ▪ Participants advised to carry a fully charged mobile phone to ensure their own safety. ▪ Payment received preferably in cheque or BACS bank transfer to prevent theft or loss of income during the event.	Medium	▪ Knowing that the decision may be needed to cancel the event all together in the event of a severe weather/flooding. ▪ In the event of a near miss, incident or accident, an incident form must be completed and returned to County Office as soon as possible.	Named person and club		

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			▪ At the pre-organised farms/premises participants may be offered refreshments. All participants are expected to monitor their own food allergies to prevent illness. ▪ All participants are advised against entering premises that have not been pre-arranged or known to the club/district. ▪ Ensure there is plenty of space for the tractor and trailer to turn round safely out of the way of pedestrians. ▪ Ensure any spillages of muck are swept up before moving to a new location.					

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