

## Risk Assessment for History Celts Programme.

<b>Celts Programme</b>							
Hazard/Risk	Who could be affected by hazard.	Likelihood of being affected	Worst consequence of being affected	Risk Level	How hazard/risk is mitigated		Residual risk level
<b><u>MAIDEN CASTLE:</u></b> Lost VC/VSA on route or whilst at 'castle'.	VSA VC	1	75	75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FST to warn of the danger and instruct VSA/VC on the safe method of movement from car park to Castle.</li> <li>• FST to ensure group walk and move as a group, no running, FST/VSA to walk back and lead of group.</li> <li>• FST to remind VSA to conduct regular head counts of group.</li> <li>• FST to instruct VC/VSA on procedure <u>IF</u> lost/separated from group. Stay where you are, do not accept help from anyone, 'you are waiting for your group who are close behind you'.</li> <li>• FST to ensure safe/obvious boundary which VC/VSA can see and adhere to.</li> </ul>		MED
Slip, trip or fall on steep grass banks around the castle.	FST VSA VC	2	40	80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FST to warn of danger including slips on wet chalk and heights.</li> <li>• FST/VSA to ensure VC are not allowed onto slopes during activity, everyone must follow paths at all times.</li> <li>• Whenever necessary FST must ensure that group use steps provided to ascend/descend slopes in single file without pushing or running.</li> </ul>		MED
<b><u>FLINT KNAPPING:</u></b> Sharp piece of flint getting into eye during knapping.	FST VSA VC	5	20	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FST to warn of danger and demonstrate the safe method of knapping flints.</li> <li>• All 'cutters' to wear protective eye goggles when knapping flints.</li> <li>• Knapping to be carried out safe distance, defined by FST, from VC and activity to avoid flying splinters causing injury to others.</li> </ul>		MED

Sharp edge of flint cutting or breaking skin, either during cutting or when used.	FST VSA VC	2	5	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FST to warn of danger and point out possible sharp edges.</li> <li>FST to ensure that dustpan and brush available at all times during session to clear away any edges or splinters.</li> <li>FST to ensure only dustpan and brush used to clear away rubbish not by hand.</li> </ul>	LOW
<b>FACE PAINTING:</b> Risk of allergic reaction	FST VSA VC	2	5	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FST and VSA to ensure any VC with allergy to face paint not to participate.</li> </ul>	LOW

### **Risk Assessment Celts Cooking**

Hazard/Risk	Who could be affected by hazard.	Likelihood of being affected	Worst consequence of being affected	Risk Level	How hazard/risk is mitigated	Residual risk level
<b>COOKING:</b> Open fire causing burn.	FST, VSA, VC, GCS	2	10	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FST to warn of danger and supervise each teaching area with assistance of VSA and HC assistant.</li> <li>Exclusion zone around fire defined by FST</li> <li>To reduce risk of spitting only seasoned hardwood logs to be used.</li> <li>Stored wood to be kept to a minimum well away from open fire.</li> <li>FST to limit the amount of fuel on fires ensuring that it does not get out of control.</li> <li>No running or rushing in cooking areas.</li> </ul>	LOW
Burn or scald from hot food or cooking pot/equipment.	FST VSA VC	5	5	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only small amounts of food to be cooked at any one time to avoid excessive weight or over balancing.</li> <li>Oven glove or similar to be used at all times by FST when working with fire</li> <li>No running or rushing in cooking areas.</li> </ul>	LOW
Stomach upset or illness caused by eating History food. Including hedgerow	FST VSA VC	2	20	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FST, VSA and VC to wash hands with soap prior to handling all foodstuffs.</li> <li>Any open cuts or injuries to be covered with blue plasters and surgical glove if necessary.</li> </ul>	LOW

rations.					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All food to be thoroughly cooked prior to eating.</li> <li>• All dry ingredients to be changed regularly, and if content is uncertain after use.</li> <li>• FST and assistants to ensure all foodstuffs are kept in suitable conditions to prevent deterioration and/or contamination.</li> <li>• All cooking equipment to be washed after use</li> <li>• All tables and floors to be washed down and swept. Regular cleaning with anti-bac spray.</li> </ul>	
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Food allergy, or other reaction, causing allergic reaction or anaphylactic shock.	FST VSA VC	1	75	75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FST to check with group leader prior to session and ensures allergen removed from working areas.</li> <li>• All foodstuffs of similar type to be stored separately in sealed containers to avoid any cross contamination.</li> <li>• All VC to wear surgical gloves to pick nettles, and avoid any contact with skin.</li> </ul>	LOW
Knives or other sharp utensils causing cut or other type of injury.	FST VSA VC	8	5	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FST to warn of danger and to demonstrate the safe method of use, sawing on steady protected surface, no stabbing or chopping.</li> <li>• Knives only to be used by FST &amp; VSA.</li> <li>• VC to only use scissors to prepare food for cooking.</li> <li>• No running or rushing in cooking areas.</li> <li>• Utensils to be kept on tables during session. Only removed to be washed up.</li> </ul>	LOW
Slip or fall on water or foodstuffs.	FST VSA VC CGS	2	20	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FST to warn of danger.</li> <li>• No running or rushing in cooking areas.</li> <li>• Cleaning resources available in each work area to immediately clear away any spillage.</li> </ul>	LOW
<b>GRINDING CORN:</b> dropping heavy stone onto self or other.	FST, VSA, VC	1	20	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grinding stones to places on the floor, or a non-slip surface to prevent stones from falling.</li> <li>• FST to issue warning to the VSA/VC ensuring VSA/FST keep a close eye on behavior.</li> </ul>	LOW

Risk Assessment for Pottery, Weaving and Jewellery Making							
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<b><u>WATTLE/DAUB</u></b> Stomach upset or illness due to germ or contaminated manure.	FST VSA VC CGS	2	20	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FST to warn of risk and supervise directly with VSA.</li> <li>• FST, VSA and VC to wear disposable vinyl gloves, and plasters over all open cuts or abrasions.</li> <li>• VC warned not to eat manure.</li> <li>• VC warned not to throw any material during activity and to apply sensibly by pressing on to fence.</li> <li>• FST to demonstrate safe use of hazel for wattle construction and to ensure that VC work safely in pairs.</li> </ul>		LOW
<b><u>POTTERY:</u></b> Infection in new or existing injury from modeling clay.	FST VSA VC	2	20	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FST to warn of danger and ask VC/VSA to check for cuts and abrasions etc. to be covered by plasters and/or disposable vinyl gloves.</li> <li>• FST/VSA to remind all participants to wash their hands with soap and water after the activity.</li> <li>• FST to ensure that modeling tools are not too sharp and are used correctly during activity.</li> <li>• </li> </ul>		LOW
Stomach upset or infection caused by clay on hands.	FST VSA VC	2	20	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FST to warn VC/VSA against putting clay into their mouth or eating clay.</li> <li>• FST to warn all participants not to put fingers or other objects which may have come into contact with clay into their mouth.</li> <li>• </li> </ul>		LOW
Puncture or similar type of injury caused by sharp modeling tool.	FST VSA VC	2	10	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FST to warn of danger and demonstrate the safe practice of use for modeling tools.</li> <li>• FST/VSA to ensure that VC do not walk, run or wander around carrying or using modeling tools.</li> </ul>		LOW
<b><u>JEWELLERY MAKING:</u></b>	FST VSA	2	5	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FST to warn of risk, and warn against swallowing any of the materials used.</li> </ul>		LOW

Stomach upset or illness caused by materials used.	VC				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FST to instruct all VC and VSA to wash hands after the activity.</li> <li>FST to ensure that materials used are non toxic.</li> </ul>	
Injury caused by constriction of body part.	FST VSA VC	2	20	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FST to warn against over tightening wire around any part of their body.</li> <li>FST to ensure that appropriate soft wire is used for jewellery making which can be cut easily.</li> <li>FST to demonstrate how to twist wire together including using a stick.</li> <li>FST/VSA to ensure direct supervision at all times during activity.</li> </ul>	LOW
<b>WEAVING:</b> Injury caused by constriction of body part.	FST VSA VC	5	5	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FST to warn against tightening wool around any part of the body.</li> </ul>	LOW

#### **Risk Assessment for Dyeing, Wood Splitting, Weaving, Saga and Celtic Art.**

Hazard/Risk	Who could be affected by hazard.	Likelihood of being affected	Worst consequence of being affected	Risk Level	How hazard/risk is mitigated	Residual risk level
<b>DYEING</b>	FST VSA VC	2	5	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FST warns of danger and instructs VC/VSA on the safe and appropriate use of materials.</li> <li>FST to ensure that only non-toxic materials are used for dyeing.</li> <li>No VSA or VC to have access to boiling or hot water used for dyeing.</li> </ul>	LOW

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct supervision of VC/VSA to ensure appropriate behavior.</li> <li>• </li> </ul>	
Burn or scald from cooking pot/equipment.	FST VSA VC	5	5	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only small amounts of water to be heated at any one time to avoid excessive weight or over balancing.</li> <li>• Oven glove or similar to be used at all times by FST when working with fire</li> <li>• No running or rushing in fire areas.</li> </ul>	LOW
<b><u>SPLITTING WOOD AND LOGS-</u></b> Impact injury	FST VSA VC	2	20	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FST ensures that logs already have splits and cracks into which wedges can be inserted.</li> <li>• Wooden hammers should be small enough to limit any damage from impact.</li> <li>• FST/VSA should be vigilant to ensure that splitting is not too over enthusiastic</li> <li>• FST to stress that the splitting is a slow process letting the wedges split the wood rather than strength.</li> </ul>	LOW
<b><u>CELTIC SAGA AND STORY TELLING AND WEDDING.</u></b> Burn from campfire	FST VSA VC	2	40	80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire contained within fire pit, or metal container.</li> <li>• Exclusion zone around the fire of at least 2 metres in every direction. This to be increased in windy conditions.</li> <li>• Seasoned hardwood logs to be burned on the fire, if not a greater exclusion zone to be ensured by the FST.</li> <li>• Fire managed so flames get no higher than knee height, OR 0.5m on raised area, by not allowing further wood to be added to the built fire after lighting it.</li> <li>• A fire extinguisher, bucket of water and sand available.</li> <li>• FST to light, tend and re-stock fire using suitable gloves and fire irons.</li> <li>• The area within and immediately surrounding the exclusion zone should be clear of any trip hazards.</li> </ul>	LOW

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure first aid bag and water for treatment of burns are situated in easily accessible location.</li> <li>• Where possible VC must leave the fire circle by stepping outside the seated log ring (exclusion zone). FST to ensure that no VC enter or leave by exclusion zone.</li> </ul>	
<b>CELTIC ART:</b> Stomach upset or illness caused by materials used.	FST VSA VC	1	20	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FST warns of danger and instructs VC/VSA on the safe and appropriate use of materials and washing hands.</li> <li>• FST to ensure that only non-toxic materials are used for colours.</li> <li>• FST to warn of risk, and warn against swallowing any of the materials used.</li> </ul>	LOW

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