

VSCC Nine Hammers (9H) Risk Assessment - September 2021

ACTIVITY	HAZARD	WHO IS AT RISK	INITIAL RISK (H/M/L)	CONTROL MEASURES (RECOMMENDED)	RESIDUAL RISK (HML)	FURTHER ACTION RECOMMENDED/REQUIRED		
						Y/N	WHAT	CONTACT
9H	Weather, cold, punctures , isolated route	Rider	L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycles must be legal and roadworthy • Riders to inspect their cycle prior to each ride paying particular attention to brakes, frame, steering, pedals / cleats, wheels and tyres. • Groups size kept small, riders to stay together • Carry emergency blankets 	L	Y	<p>Emergency blankets to be distributed to regular leaders.</p> <p>Local and Met Office weather forecast to be checked before rides. Cancel if unsafe to ride</p>	-
9H	Dark roads	Rider and Public	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All riders to have high powered lights capable of illuminating dark road. • Quality lights Minimum 300 Lumen • Recommend high visibility/reflective clothing (note: fluorescent fabrics only work under daylight, not street or vehicle lights) 	L	Y	Briefing and Facebook posts,	-
9H	<p>Riding skills and experience.</p> <p>Cornering, lack of experience of some riders, Descending at pace</p>	Rider	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riders to wear approved safety helmets that should not be worn following impact and in any case should be replaced at manufacturer's recommended intervals • Manage the speed according to skill and experience • Safety briefings 	L	Y		

9H	Traffic on Harrogate Road	Rider	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Riders to be familiar with route and be aware of where they are at all times Riders to go single where appropriate Appropriate lights 	M	Y	.Safety Briefing	
9H	Road surface conditions: Items in the road; Potholes; Wet/slippy surfaces; Poor quality tarmac on the Gledhow Valley Road speedbumps Poor quality road surface on "Little Switzerland"	Rider	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manage speed to the conditions Members doing daytime rides to report new hazards Appropriate lighting Call out hazards and repeat calls down the group 	L	Y	Safety Briefing Dynamic Risk assessments on the ride by Ride Leader	
9H	Road features: Road narrows to single file under bridge on Little Switzerland – although uphill has priority, cars may come down anyway Mini-Roundabout at top of Gledhow Wood Road – cars do not always give way to the right	Rider	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Riders to be alert and anticipate cars' actions in both locations Riders in front to call out if cars are ahead (Little S), or approaching the Roundabout 	L	Y	Safety Briefing Dynamic Risk assessments on the ride by Ride Leader	
9H	Road features: Zebra Crossings at multiple locations on the route	Rider and Public	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comply with highway code re zebra crossings 	L	Y	Safety Briefing	