

CATERAN YOMP 2026

Event Risk Assessment

Item	Detail
Event	Cateran Yomp 2026
Live Event	6-7 June 2026
Build and Break	1-8 June 2026
Location	Angus and Perthshire - Cateran Trail plus associated high-level, remote moorland, active farmland, forestry roads, paths, public roads and urban pavement routes
Activity Assessed	54 mile, 24 hour non-stop charity challenge walking event
Estimated Attendance	Approx. 1,000+ walkers, 120 staff and volunteers
Date Completed	20 May 2026
Assessment Owner	Andrew Hastings, Director, True Grit Events Ltd
Review Points	Pre-event medical and safety planning; early May 2026 review; post-event review
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1. Purpose and Scope

This document is the event risk assessment for planning, briefing and review

The assessment applies to the main event hub, route, checkpoints and waterstops, temporary structures, participant movement, vehicle operations, catering, medical provision and build and demobilisation activities.

3. Risk Rating Methodology

Rating	Likelihood	Severity	Use in this assessment
Low	Unlikely or well controlled	Minor injury, limited disruption	Acceptable with routine monitoring
Medium	Possible occurrence or meaningful exposure	Serious injury, notable disruption	Requires defined controls and active monitoring
High	Likely occurrence or high exposure	Major injury, fatality or major disruption	Requires robust controls, responsible owner and escalation route

4. Command, Control and Communications

A central Event Control function should operate across build, live event and break phases. Event Control should maintain oversight of route activity, checkpoints, participant tracking, weather, incidents, medical coordination and liaison with emergency services where required.

- Event radios and mobile phones issued to key personnel.
- Radio checks to be completed before live operations and at appropriate intervals.
- Backup communications to be considered where mobile coverage is unreliable.
- Clear escalation routes to be briefed to staff, volunteers, medical teams and checkpoint leads.

5. Weather, Route Change and Cancellation Triggers

Weather and environmental conditions should be actively monitored before and during the event. The event may be adapted, delayed, partially suspended or cancelled where conditions create unacceptable risk.

- Consider route changes for lightning, high wind, severe heat/cold, poor visibility, flooding or unsafe ground conditions.
- Monitor wind conditions affecting marquees, trussing, signage and temporary structures.
- Review exposed high-level or remote moorland sections dynamically during the event.
- Maintain welfare, shelter and medical escalation arrangements at checkpoints.

6. Crowd Management and Protective Security

Although the event is primarily open-air and route-based, temporary concentrations of people are expected at the hub, start, finish, registration, checkpoints / waterstop, parking and participant collection areas. Controls should manage crowd flow, vehicle separation, queuing, emergency access and public reassurance.

The terrorism threat is assessed as low, but proportionate protective security arrangements should be maintained. Staff to be briefed to report suspicious items, hostile behaviour, unusual observation, suspicious vehicles or attempts to access restricted operational areas.

1. Hub and Checkpoints - Build, Live Event and Break

Ref	Hazard	Who could be harmed	Initial risk	Existing control measures - corrected wording	Additional controls / review improvements	Residual risk
1a	Slips, trips and falls	ORG / PAR / CON / MOP	Medium	Good housekeeping. Careful routing of cables. Stout footwear. Removal or clear identification of hazards.	Site manager and Event Control to monitor site conditions throughout build, live event and break. Maintain clear walkways and rectify defects promptly.	Low
1b	Falls from height	ORG / CON	Medium	Limit requirement to work at height. Use competent persons and relevant safety equipment.	Site safety briefing before work starts. Site manager to monitor work at height and contractor compliance.	Low
1c	Manual handling	ORG / CON	High	Loads split to manageable size. Team lifting. Use trolleys where possible.	Review contractor RAMS. Provide manual handling briefing for staff and volunteers involved in logistics.	Low
1d	Contact with moving vehicles	ORG / PAR / CON / MOP	High	Where practical vehicles and pedestrians use separate routes. Signage and marker tape used. Roadside staff wear hi-vis clothing.	Safety briefing for staff before work starts. Police slow signs if available. Define delivery windows and keep unauthorised vehicles away from crowded areas.	Low
1e	Hazardous substances	ORG / PAR / CON	Medium	Hazardous substances used in accordance with manufacturer recommendations.	Use PPE if required. Monitor arrangements on site. COSHH information to be available where relevant.	Low
1f	Struck by falling object	ORG / PAR / CON	Medium	Professional and experienced service providers erect tents and signage. Hard hats and safety boots worn where required.	Review contractor RAMS. Monitor site arrangements. Safety briefing before work starts.	Low
1g	Electricity	ORG / PAR / CON	High	Electrical work to be carried out by a competent person. Battery-operated equipment or 110V centre-tapped earth where possible. If 240V is used it must be via RCD.	Staff briefing Cables routed safely and protected from public access.	Low
1h	Contact with hot surface or liquid	ORG / PAR / CON	High	Service provider to assess and control hot surface and hot liquid risks. Staff briefing.	Monitor arrangements on site. Keep public access away from catering or hot water operational areas.	Low
1i	Bacteria or food poisoning	ORG / PAR / CON	Medium	Good personal hygiene. Catering providers vetted. Hand washing points provided. Drinking water from known source.	Monitor arrangements. Check hygiene controls and ensure water supply remains secure.	Low
1j	Weather and ground conditions	ORG / PAR / CON	Medium	Weather monitored. Sites surveyed for suitability and safety. Adverse weather conditions considered.	Site manager to protect staff from weather effects. Staff appropriately dressed. Event adapted or cancelled if required.	Low
1k	Overhead and underground services	ORG / PAR / CON	Medium	Site visit to identify overhead power line hazards and obtain plans for buried services. CAT scan if new locations are used. Marquee provider to send risk assessment.	Review service provider RAMS. Monitor site arrangements. Mark exclusion zones if required.	Low

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1l	Communication in an emergency	ORG / PAR / CON	Medium	Event radios and mobile phones issued to key personnel.	Radio checks to confirm working. Establish contingency communications where mobile signal is unreliable.	Low
1m	Emergency services access blocked	ORG / PAR / CON / MOP	Medium	Site designed in advance. Site manager to monitor.	Marshals and signage used to manage parking. Emergency access routes kept clear and briefed to teams.	Low
1n	Using unqualified contractor or supplier	ORG / PAR / CON / MOP	Medium	All contractors vetted and relevant health and safety documentation requested in advance.	Site manager and Event Control to monitor. Keep contractor documents available for review.	Low
1o	Overcrowding	ORG / PAR / CON / MOP	Low	Pre-event planning, site selection and site plans created.	Event Control and site manager to monitor. Add dynamic queue, pinch-point and dispersal monitoring at registration, start, finish and checkpoints.	Low
1p	Fire risk	ORG / PAR / CON / MOP	Medium	Pre-event planning and site selection. Camping fire lanes created. Open fires not allowed. Cooking in tents forbidden. Fire extinguishers deployed.	Site signage deployed. Fuel dump created. Site manager and Event Control to monitor. Include fire briefing for staff and contractors.	Low
1q	Carbon monoxide poisoning	ORG / PAR / CON	Medium	Open fires not allowed on site. Cooking in tents forbidden.	Site manager and Event Control to monitor. Keep generators and combustion sources away from enclosed or poorly ventilated areas.	Low
1r	Act of terrorism or hostile behaviour	ORG / PAR / CON / MOP	Medium	Police Scotland contacted in advance. Staff briefed.	Monitor site arrangements. Add suspicious item procedure, suspicious behaviour reporting, vehicle access vigilance, Run Hide Tell awareness and Event Control escalation.	Low

2. Trussing and Temporary Structures

Ref	Hazard	Who could be harmed	Initial risk	Existing control measures - corrected wording	Additional controls / review improvements	Residual risk
2a	Slips, trips and falls during installation	ORG / PAR / CON	High	Build plan followed for safe preparation, installation and equipment. Established system used. Build area supervised.	Site manager to monitor. Maintain exclusion zones around build activity.	Low
2b	Weather and ground conditions affecting structures	ORG / PAR / CON / MOP	High	Structures secured to ground using agreed method.	Monitor for high or gusting winds. Define action thresholds for inspection, closure or removal if conditions deteriorate.	Low
2c	Underground and overhead services	ORG / PAR / CON	Medium	Site survey carried out before securing and inflating structures.	Monitor effectiveness of control measures. Review utility information and contractor RAMS.	Low

3. Movement on Foot

Ref	Hazard	Who could be harmed	Initial risk	Existing control measures - corrected wording	Additional controls / review improvements	Residual risk
3a	Slips, trips, falls and uneven or changing ground conditions	ORG / PAR / CON	High	Preevent communication / pre event briefing Stout footwear advised. Hazards removed or identified where possible.	Where possible, brief participants on specific hazards and route conditions. Add additional marking at known difficult areas.	Low
3b	Falls from height	ORG / PAR / CON	Medium	Where possible significant fall areas taped off or highlighted	Event Control to monitor. Escalate if weather or visibility increases risk.	Low
3c	Contact with moving vehicles	ORG / PAR / CON / MOP	High	Where practical vehicles and participants use separate routes. Signage and marker tape used. Safe crossing points established, signed or manned where possible. Staff wear hi-vis.	Safety briefings. Head torches and cylume sticks. Consider marshal deployment at high-risk road crossings and night sections.	Low
3d	Struck by falling object including fallen trees	ORG / PAR / CON	Medium	Infrastructure and signage securely erected. Monitoring during high winds.	Safe routes identified by marker tape or signs. Review forestry or tree hazard areas following severe weather.	Low
3e	Injured by animal or insect, including midges, ticks, cattle, sheep and dogs	ORG / PAR / CON	Medium	Landowners informed before event. Midge nets and repellent advised in briefings. Tick safety information and countryside code included for participants.	Where possible participants made aware of livestock locations. Include clear instruction not to approach or disturb livestock.	Low
3f	Bacteria or food poisoning	ORG / PAR / CON	Medium	Good personal hygiene. Catering providers vetted. Hand sanitiser stations provided.	Event Control to monitor. Drinking water from known source.	Low
3g	Cold injury, heat injury, dehydration, hyponatraemia and exhaustion	ORG / PAR / CON	High	Weather monitored in advance. CP2 kit check. Advance information provided including clothing and water intake. Food and drink available at checkpoints. Staff briefed.	Event Control to monitor. Medical team to advise on heat/cold escalation and participant withdrawal thresholds.	Low
3h	Poor navigation or missing participants	ORG / PAR	High	Pre event infomation Route clearly marked with arrows. Individual tracking system in use. Route GPX file made available.	Cylume deployed for night section. Event Control to monitor. HST deployment and participant briefing. Maintain formal missing participant escalation procedure.	Low
3i	Lightning	ORG / PAR / CON	Medium	Weather monitored in advance. Participants briefed if lightning is forecast.	Route change options considered. Event Control to monitor. Suspend exposed route sections if required.	Low
3j	Weather and ground conditions	ORG / PAR / CON	High	Weather forecast checked. Route change options considered. Shelter available.	Event Control to monitor. Add formal escalation to delay, divert, suspend or cancel.	Low
3k	Communication in an emergency	ORG / PAR / CON	High	Event radio system tested. MRT radios, mobile phones and landlines available.	Event Control to monitor. Police, MRT and Ambulance Service made aware event is taking place. Backup communications for poor-signal areas.	Low

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3l	Walking in the dark	ORG / PAR / CON	High	Head torch included in kit list. Participant clyume. Caution walkers signage deployed.	Staff and participants briefed. Staff to wear hi-vis. Additional night-section marshals and reflective signage where required.	Low

4. Vehicular Movements

Ref	Hazard	Who could be harmed	Initial risk	Existing control measures - corrected wording	Additional controls / review improvements	Residual risk
4a	Falls from a moving vehicle	ORG / CON	Medium	Staff briefing Vehicles only carry passengers for which they have been designed.	Staff briefing. Competent and/or qualified drivers used. No informal carriage in unsuitable vehicles.	Low
4b	Contact with moving vehicles	ORG / PAR / CON / MOP	High	Staff briefing Roadside staff wear hi-vis clothing. Caution walkers signage deployed on key road sections. Staff briefing.	Marshals positioned at key points. Event Control to monitor. Traffic management plan to identify crossings, parking and emergency routes.	Low
4c	Driver fatigue	ORG / PAR / CON / MOP	High	Participant and staff briefings. Staff sleeping shifts arranged and driving time monitored.	Drivers advised to take sufficient rest after the event and before driving home. Sleeping area provided. Event Control to monitor.	Low
4d	Weather and ground conditions	ORG / PAR / CON	Medium	Vehicles stay on planned and marked routes. Hazards clearly identified. Off-road vehicles available to assist recovery.	If weather makes vehicle use unsafe, including safety vehicles, event may be altered or cancelled.	Low
4e	Overhead and underground services	ORG / CON	High	High loads or vehicles with telescopic masts must check safe height of overhead power lines before entering area.	Review contractor RAMS. Goalposts erected if necessary.	Low
4f	Communication in an emergency	ORG / CON	Medium	Event radios, mobile phones and landlines available. Contingency plan in place. Police and Ambulance Service aware of event.	Mobile phones only used with Bluetooth while driving; advised to stop and speak. Briefing on safe driving on public roads for all staff and support teams.	Low

5. Catering Providers

Ref	Hazard	Who could be harmed	Initial risk	Existing control measures - corrected wording	Additional controls / review improvements	Residual risk
5a	Slips, trips and falls	ORG / PAR / CON / MOP	Medium	Good housekeeping. Removal or clear identification of hazards.	Monitor site arrangements. Keep service areas tidy and separate from public movement where practical.	Low
5b	Manual handling	ORG / CON	High	Hot loads carried only short distances. Gloves or cloths used. Team lifting for larger items. Loads broken down into smaller sizes.	Service provider to assess their own manual handling activities. Monitor site arrangements.	Low
5c	Hazardous substances	ORG / PAR / CON / MOP	Medium	Contractor to assess and control all substances.	Monitor arrangements on site. COSHH information to be available.	Low
5d	Contact with hot surface or liquid	ORG / PAR / CON	High	Contractor to assess and control.	Monitor arrangements. Public and volunteers kept away from hot surfaces where practical.	Low
5e	Fire or gas explosion	ORG / PAR / CON / MOP	High	Contractor to assess and control. Gas equipment tested.	Monitor site arrangements. Fire equipment and gas storage arrangements to be checked.	Low
5f	Electricity	ORG / PAR / CON	High	110V or 240V with RCD.	Monitor site arrangements. Cables to be routed and protected.	Low
5g	Bacteria or food poisoning	ORG / PAR / CON	High	Due diligence contractor vetting carried out. Service provider to assess and control HACCPs. Drinking water from known reliable source. Hand sanitiser provided.	Good food hygiene standards. Monitor arrangements and check certificates.	Low
5h	Weather and ground conditions	ORG / PAR / CON	Medium	Appropriate clothing and footwear. Shelter available.	Check weather forecast. Monitor site arrangements.	Low
5i	Communication in an emergency	ORG / CON	Medium	Event radios, mobile phones and landlines available. Contingency plan in place. Police and Ambulance Service aware of event and medical support available on site.	Briefing of catering staff to include contingency plan and escalation routes.	Low

6. Medical Assistance - Interface with Separate Alphamed Risk Assessment

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6a	Slips, trips and falls	ORG / PAR / CON	Medium	Good housekeeping. Removal or clear identification of hazards.	Monitor site arrangements.	Low
6b	Manual handling	ORG / CON	Medium	Team lifting for larger items. Loads broken down into smaller sizes.	Service provider to assess own manual handling activities. Monitor site arrangements.	Low
6c	Hazardous substances	ORG / PAR / CON	Medium	Contractor to assess and control all substances.	Monitor arrangements on site.	Low
6d	Injured by animal or insect	CON	High	Midge nets advised and midge repellent available.	Monitor arrangements. Safety briefing includes ticks.	Low
6e	Bacteria, infection or food poisoning	ORG / PAR / CON	High	Contractor vetting of service providers. Service provider to assess and control. Drinking water from known reliable source.	Good personal and clinical hygiene standards. Monitor site arrangements.	Low
6f	Weather and ground conditions	CON	Medium	Shelter available. Appropriate clothing and footwear worn.	Check weather forecast. Monitor arrangements on site.	Low
6g	Communication in an emergency	ORG / CON	High	Event radios, MRT radios, mobile phones and landlines available. Contingency plan in place. Ambulance and medical support available on site. Local hospitals, Police and MRT advised of event.	Medical staff briefing to include contingency plan, casualty evacuation, rendezvous points and handover process.	Low

7. Clear-Up Activities

Ref	Hazard	Who could be harmed	Initial risk	Existing control measures - corrected wording	Additional controls / review improvements	Residual risk
7a	Slips, trips and falls	ORG / PAR / CON / MOP	Medium	Staff briefing Good housekeeping. Stout footwear.	Monitor site arrangements.	Low
7b	Falls from height	ORG / CON	Medium	Staff briefing Competent persons remove equipment.	Monitor arrangements.	Low
7c	Manual handling	ORG / CON	High	Staff briefing Loads split to manageable size. Team lifting.	Monitor arrangements.	Low
7d	Contact with moving vehicles	ORG / PAR / CON / MOP	High	Staff briefing Where practical vehicles and pedestrians use separate routes. Roadside staff wear hi-vis clothing.	Monitor arrangements. Keep public access away from demobilisation areas where possible.	Low
7e	Hazardous substances and waste	ORG / PAR / CON	Medium	Staff briefing Hazardous substances or waste disposed of in accordance with SEPA guidelines and industry standards.	PPE used if necessary. Final site sweep to ensure no waste remains.	Low
7f	Struck by falling object	ORG / PAR / CON	Medium	Staff briefing Professional and experienced staff/ suppliers remove tents and signage.	Monitor arrangements.	Low
7g	Electricity	ORG / PAR / CON	High	Battery-operated equipment or 110V centre-tapped earth where possible. If 240V is used it must be via RCD.	Electrical work carried out by competent person.	Low
7h	Bacteria or food poisoning	ORG / CON	Medium	Good personal hygiene. Drinking water from known reliable source.	Gloves worn if necessary. Hand sanitiser provided.	Low
7i	Weather and ground conditions	ORG / PAR / CON	Medium	Appropriate outdoor clothing worn. Work ceases if life is at risk.	Monitor arrangements.	Low
7j	Overhead and underground services	ORG / PAR / CON	High	Work carried out in accordance with marquee provider RAMS.	Monitor arrangements.	Low

8. Staff, Volunteer and Contractor Briefing Requirements

All staff, volunteers and relevant contractors should be briefed before undertaking duties. Briefings should be recorded where practical.

- Emergency procedures and escalation routes.
- Event Control contact details and radio protocol.
- Missing participant procedure and tracking system use.
- Weather escalation, route change and cancellation arrangements.
- Traffic and vehicle movement controls.
- Protective security awareness, suspicious item reporting and hostile behaviour reporting.
- Welfare, safeguarding and public reassurance expectations.
- Instruction not to share unverified information online during an incident.

9. Emergency Response Considerations

- Protect life as the immediate priority.
- Call 999 when/where emergency services are required.
- Notify Event Control as soon as safe to do so.
- Maintain emergency vehicle access routes.
- Move people away from danger where safe to do so.
- Account for staff, volunteers and affected participants where practical.
- Preserve relevant information for emergency services and post-incident review.

10. External Guidance and Compliance References

The assessment has been structured to align with recognised UK event safety practice and should be read alongside relevant operational plans and contractor documentation.

- HSE event safety guidance.
- The Purple Guide for health, safety and welfare at music and other events, where relevant to temporary outdoor event operations.
- ProtectUK and ACT Awareness principles for proportionate protective security.
- Scottish Outdoor Access Code.
- Food hygiene and HACCP requirements for catering providers.
- SEPA guidance for waste disposal and environmental protection.
- Separate the medical provider risk assessment and medical plan.
- Traffic management plan and route operations plan.
- Contractor RAMS for marquees, structures, catering and specialist suppliers.

11. Review and Approval

This is a live operational risk assessment. It should be reviewed during pre-event planning, after any significant route or supplier change, immediately before the event, after any serious incident and during post-event debrief.

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