

Risk Assessment

Task:	Litter picking & Weeding (Adopt-a-Street)	Date Assessed:	28.07.2022	Assessed by	Jacqui Orange, Facilities Manager
Location/Dept:	Various	Review date:	27.07.2023	Ref:	022

Training & supervision:	
PPE required:	Gloves
Other instruction:	Participants should have read the risk assessment and take appropriate action to reduce any risks.

Identified Hazard	Who might be harmed and how?	Level of risk (LxS=R)	Control Measures	Further controls required for improvement	Action by who	By when	Level of residual risk (LxS=R)
Slips, trips, and falls	Volunteers when walking across uneven ground e.g. verges, footpath stiles, etc.	2x2=4	Make participants aware of any specific areas of concern e.g. crossing rough ground. Wear sturdy footwear – no open toe shoes.				1x2=2
Dangerous litter e.g. discarded needles	Volunteers	2x3=6	Report any evidence of dangerous litter to Cornwall Council - https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-and-waste/street-cleaning/ . Do not attempt to pick up discarded needles, etc. Wear gloves and use litter pickers to				1x3=3

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			avoid any potential needle-stick injury.				
First aid & accident reporting	Volunteers	2x3=6	Volunteers should carry a mobile phone if possible. In the event of an emergency dial 999.				2x2=4
Other biological hazards e.g. leptospirosis, Lyme's disease, Toxocara canis	Volunteers	1x4=4	<p>Leptospirosis is a bacterial infection carried in rat's and/or cattle urine. Infection occurs through cuts, abrasions and the lining of the eyes and mouth. Volunteers should wash hands before eating, drinking, or smoking. Cuts should be covered with waterproof plasters.</p> <p>Lyme disease is transmitted to humans when bitten by ticks. Keep skin covered and remove any ticks as soon as possible. If a rash develops around the bite or illness occurs within 2 weeks of a bite, seek medical help immediately.</p> <p>Toxocara canis – is found in dog faeces. Wash skin with soap and</p>				1x4=4



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			water immediately after contact with dog faeces. Wear gloves.				
Vehicles	Volunteers are at risk of colliding with moving vehicles, especially near roads.	2x4=8	Participants to consider wearing hi-vis when working close to or crossing roads. Avoid congregating in areas that may impede the view of drivers. Use designated crossings wherever possible. Do not litter pick on any A or B roads, residential streets only. Only work during daylight hours.				1x4=4
Heat exhaustion, sunburn	Volunteers if litter picking in summer between the hours of 11am and 3pm.	2x2=4	Wear a hat, long-sleeved clothing, and apply sunblock/suntan lotion. If sunburn does occur, cool the area with water. Be aware of the symptoms of heat exhaustion (i.e. headache, dizziness, nausea, muscle cramps, elevated pulse rate, thirst, pale/clammy skin).				2x2=4
Bites, stings & plant allergies	Volunteers - snakes, bees, wasps, mosquitoes, and other	3x3=9	Be aware of the risk of anaphylactic shock (widespread red blotchy skin, swelling of the face and neck, impaired breathing, and a rapid pulse). If such symptoms occur, get				2x2=4

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	insects can give nasty bites/stings. Giant hogweed and some other plants can cause reaction.		medical attention immediately. When weeding use gloves to protect against irritation.				
Inclement weather	Volunteers	2x2=4	Check the weather forecast before the session. Do not go out if heavy rain or strong winds are forecast. Wear suitable waterproof clothing.				1x2=2
Lone working	Volunteers if working alone are at increased risk of harm if there is an accident or if they become unwell.	2x3=6	If possible two people should work together. Consider carrying a mobile phone that can be used in the event of an emergency. Only work during daylight hours.				2x2=4
Chemical hazard	Volunteers. Weeds may have been sprayed with chemical weedkiller	1x2=2	Use gloves and or hoe to remove weeds. Remember to wash hands before eating, drinking or smoking.				1x2=2



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Risk/Priority Indicator Key

Severity (Consequence)
1. Negligible (delay only)
2. Slight (minor injury / damage / interruption)
3. Moderate (lost time injury, illness, damage, lost business)
4. High (major injury / damage, lost time business interruption, disablement)
5. Very High (fatality / business closure)

Likelihood
1. Improbable / very unlikely
2. Unlikely
3. Even chance / may happen
4. Likely
5. Almost certain / imminent

RISK / PRIORITY INDICATOR MATRIX						
LIKELIHOOD	5	5	10	15	20	25
	4	4	8	12	16	20
	3	3	6	9	12	15
	2	2	4	6	8	10
	1	1	2	3	4	5
		1	2	3	4	5
		SEVERITY (CONSEQUENCE)				

Summary		Suggested Timeframe
12-25	High	As soon as possible
6-11	Medium	Within next 3-6 months
1-5	Low	Whenever viable to do so

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Daily Monitoring Checklist

ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE:

ACTION	YES	CONFIRMED BY	COMMENTS
Reviewed the updated guidance from Public Health England on Covid-19			
Identified and implemented the (new) recommended control measures			
Adequate supply of hi-vis tabards, gloves, and litter pickers.			