

Risk Assessment: Litter Picking

Event Date : Saturday 11th November 2023

1. Activity being undertaken

Litter picking throughout the village within the 40 mph zone and on the other roads throughout the Parish including national speed limit stretches; by Parish Councillors and residents.

2. Prepared by and Event Lead

Prepared by Allison Ward, Clerk to the Parish Council. Event Lead is Michael Knight, vice-chairman Great Canfield Parish Council.

3. Notes to participants

The Parish Council has conducted the Risk Assessment (below). Volunteers are reminded that no activity is completely without risk and are reminded they have a responsibility for their own wellbeing and that of others. Please do not take any unnecessary risks.

Hazard	Persons at risk	Mitigation	Action	Risk
Sharp Objects – Broken glass, nails, needles Risk – Cuts and Infections	Participants	Volunteers are advised to wear sensible footwear. Volunteers provided with litter pickers which are used to pick up any sharp objects. If any needles are found, report to event organiser for disposal.	Participants Event Lead	Low
Hygiene and potential contact with animal faeces or dead animals Risk - disease	Participants	Volunteers are advised to <ul style="list-style-type: none">• wear suitable outdoor clothing that does not expose bare areas of skin,• are advised to cover any cuts,• are advised to wash hands before eating, drinking etc Avoid contact with animal faeces and advise event organiser of dead animals for appropriate disposal	Participants Event Lead	Low
Batteries or other hazardous material Risk - harmful	Participants	Do not approach or remove any potentially hazardous waste. Report to the event organiser and if necessary this will be passed to Uttlesford for clearance.	Participants Event Lead	Low
Lone Working	Participants	Participants should always advise a responsible person of where they are working and the time they are due to return.	Participants	Low

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<p>Natural Hazards including pollen, dangerous plants cuts from thorns, Wasp & Bee nests,</p> <p>Risk - Skin rash from plants, bee sting resulting in anaphylactic shock</p>	Participants	Volunteers are advised to ensure all bare skin is covered and gloves worn.	Participants	Low
<p>Slips, Trips and Falls</p> <p>Risk – Sprains, broken bones</p>	Participants	Volunteers are advised to wear strong sensible footwear with adequate grip. Choose the safest route over difficult ground.	Participants	Low
<p>Heavy awkward to handle rubbish</p> <p>Risk – Muscle damage</p>	Participants	<p>Extreme care to be taken, use good lifting practices and share the load with an appropriate number of people.</p> <p>If too heavy to handle leave the object in place and report it to the event organiser to arrange removal by the council.</p>	Participants Event Lead	Low
<p>Highways vehicles, bicycles, plant and machinery</p> <p>Risk – Collision with moving traffic</p>	Participants	<p>Wear high visibility clothing. Keep clear of the highway where possible.</p> <p>Be aware of vehicles and keep a look out, ensure children do not work on roadside.</p>	Participants	Low
<p>Young Persons and lack of awareness e.g. A young person taking unnecessary risks resulting in injury</p>	Participants	All children must be accompanied and no under 16's working without adult supervision	Participants	Low