

LITTLE YELDHAM, TILBURY JUXTA CLARE AND OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

RISK ASSESSMENT FOR STREET CLEANSING VOLUNTEERS

General:

1. Ensure that Personal Protective Equipment, where provided: is suitable for use, that it does not restrict the volunteers or create any additional hazards.
2. It is advisable to wear long trousers and long-sleeved tops to protect from scratches and grazes: suitable footwear to protect the sole and top of the foot and provide suitable grip for the site in which the person is working.
3. A first aid kit should be available for all work sessions.

In the following it is volunteers who are affected.

Hazard Identified	Nature of Risk	Control Measures	Risk Rating
Manual Handling	Moving large objects, reaching, bending or twisting	Lift and move items using your legs to bend, not your back	Low Risk
	Stooping, top heavy bending, bending from the waist using the back can lead to strained and pulled muscles and general back ache	Do not handle large items	Low Risk
	Cuts and grazes from sharp objects, such as needles and broken glass, leading to infection, as well as handling contaminated items	Assess items before you move them for hazards such as unknown substances and sharp edges. Wear appropriate footwear that has suitable tread and ankle support, so that you are less likely to slip whilst carrying out the activity. Always wear protective gloves.	Medium Risk
Environmental Hazards, Ground Surfaces	Slips and trips leading to cuts, bruises and strains	Be aware of surfaces walked on, wear appropriate footwear	Low Risk
Steep banks, shrubs, brambles, tree branches, etc.	Cuts leading to infection	Do not handle anything with which you are not familiar or you suspect could be contaminated with a hazardous substance.	Medium Risk

Hazard Identified	Nature of Risk	Control Measures	Risk Rating
Weather: sun and hot temperatures	Sun and heat leading to dehydration and sun burns	Take regular breaks out of sun, at least every two hours and more frequently in extreme temperatures. Water should be carried and drunk regularly. A sun hat and sun cream should be used. Keep covered up as much as possible.	Low Risk
Wet and cold weather	Cold and wet leading to general ill health	Suitable waterproof and warm clothing, trousers, and coats etc. should be worn. Avoid loose clothing such as scarves.	Low Risk
Soil	Infection from bacteria	All volunteers should wear gloves. Hand washing to be advised at end of session	Low Risk
Road safety, e.g. litter picking	Not seen by drivers. Awareness of traffic. Uneven ground.	To be aware of traffic. Work accompanied if wearing ear defenders. Wear High Vis Jackets.	Medium Risk

Note: Volunteers will not be using any powered or hand tools and will not be working on any sites where there are moving vehicles, so these items have been excluded from the risk assessment.

Signed

Dated

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