



Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Parish Council

Northamptonshire

Risk Assessment: Litter Picking

Ver: 3.0 (14th February 2022)

1. Activity being undertaken

Litter picking within the 30 mph zone and on the minor ("U" class) roads outside the 30 mph zone by Councillors, staff and volunteers for the annual *Operation Spring Clean* and similar events.

2. Assessor

Mark Hunter, Clerk to the Parish Council.

3. Notes to participants

The Parish Council has conducted the Risk Assessment (below) and introduced control measures to mitigate the indentified risks. However, no activity is completely without risk and all participants are reminded they have a responsibility for their own wellbeing and not to place themselves, or others, in harm's way by taking unnecessary risks.

4. Severity and Probability ratings and risk matrix

Rating	Severity	Probability
Low	Injury to person(s) which requires First Aid	Unlikely, but possible
Medium	Injury to person(s) which requires medical assistance (greater than First Aid).	May occur
High	Death or serious injury to person(s)	Highly likely to occur

Risk Matrix	Low	Medium	High
Low	Low	Low	Medium
Medium	Low	Medium	High
High	Medium	High	High

Activities assessed by the matrix as **High** risk must not take place until further mitigations or control measures have been put in place to reduce the risk.

Activities assessed as **Medium** should be undertaken with care.

Remember that just because an activity is assessed as **Low** does not mean that it is risk-free!

5. Assessment

Hazard	Mitigations	Severity	Probability	Risk
1. Sharp Objects – Glass, needles, nails etc. e.g. Needle stick injury leading to Hepatitis B	a. Needles must not be picked up or touched under any circumstances. Location should be noted and NNC Waste Team contacted (0300 126 3000). b. Participants must wear strong, sensible footwear (boots, Wellingtons) with adequate grip – no open-toe footwear allowed. c. Participants to be provided with correct Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including heavy duty protective Gloves, Litter Pickers, High Visibility Vests d. Mark and / or cover e.g. traffic cone.	Medium	Medium	Medium



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<p>2. Hygiene and potential contact with Bio Hazards Objects - faeces, vomit and used condoms</p> <p>e.g. Dog Faeces potentially leading to infection i.e. 'toxocarisis'. Contraction of 'Weils disease' from rat urine.</p>	<p>a. If discovered, do not attempt to clean up. Location should be noted and NNC Waste Team contacted (0300 126 3000).</p> <p>b. Participants to wear suitable outdoor clothing that does not expose bare areas of skin.</p> <p>c. Participants to wash hands and forearms before eating, drinking, smoking or going to the toilet.</p> <p>d. Participants to cover any cuts, however minor, with surgical tape or waterproof plasters</p> <p>e. Mark and / or cover e.g. traffic cone.</p>	Medium	Medium	Medium
<p>3. Contamination from chemicals onsite</p> <p>e.g. Poisoning from insecticides</p>	<p>a. If discovered, do not attempt to clean up. Location should be noted and NNC Waste Team contacted (0300 126 3000.).</p>	Medium	Low	Low
<p>4. Slips Trips and Falls</p> <p>e.g. Sprained Ankle from tripping over rough terrain.</p>	<p>a. Users to wear strong, sensible footwear with adequate grip – no open-toe footwear allowed.</p>	Low	Low	Low
<p>5. Manual Handling</p> <p>e.g. Back injury from people attempting to move heavy objects such as branches</p>	<p>a. Participants to assess the load before handling.</p> <p>b. Participants to wear appropriate PPE including protective gloves, trousers and sturdy footwear to protect hands, legs and feet.</p> <p>c. Minimise repetitive bending wherever possible by use of Litter Pickers and take regular breaks.</p> <p>d. Prior to activity make arrangements with NNC Waste Team on collection points of rubbish, wherever possible minimising manual handling for participants by suitably locating collection points.</p>	Low	Medium	Low
<p>6. Weather Issues</p> <p>e.g. extremes of weather can cause injuries such as windblown debris</p>	<p>a. Participants to wear sensible outdoor clothing, including trousers and warm clothing where appropriate.</p> <p>b. Cancel activity if there is extreme weather (e.g. high winds, rain, snow, etc)</p> <p>c. Ensure there is an adequate supply of water to prevent dehydration, esp. in hot weather.</p> <p>d. Participants use of sun cream / sun hat where appropriate.</p>	Low	Medium	Low
<p>7. Aggressive People</p> <p>e.g. Assaulted by member of public</p>	<p>a. Participants to cease litter picking if they encounter anyone who makes them feel uncomfortable or that is acting suspiciously and report back to the Parish Council or Police as appropriate.</p>	Low	Low	Low



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<p>8. Natural Hazards including pollen, dangerous plants cuts from thorns, Wasp & Bee nests,</p> <p>e.g. Skin rash from plants, bee sting resulting in anaphylactic shock</p>	<p>a. Participants to wear appropriate PPE (including protective gloves) and sensible outdoor clothing and footwear, keeping hands, arms and legs covered</p> <p>b. Operation Spring Clean timed to take place before most stinging insects / plants are active.</p> <p>c. Participants to wash hands and forearms before eating, drinking, smoking or going to the toilet.</p> <p>d. Carry tissues and / or waterproof plasters</p>	Low	Low	Low
<p>9. Traffic (Vehicle movements)</p> <p>e.g. Fatality or major injury caused by moving vehicle</p>	<p>a. Litter Picking should not be undertaken on the roads outside of the 30 mph zone.</p> <p>b. Participants to wear appropriate PPE including florescent high-visibility vests.</p>	Medium	Medium	Medium
<p>10. Young Persons and lack of awareness</p> <p>e.g. A young person taking unnecessary risks resulting in injury</p>	<p>a. Age plays a big part in the ability to recognise and avoid risk. Accordingly, where young persons are participating, there should be adequate supervision at all times (e.g. a minimum of 1 responsible adult to every 6 young persons).</p> <p>a. There should be no groups of children under the age of 16 working in an area without direct supervision of an adult.</p>	Medium	Medium	Medium

Signed (Clerk) 14th February 2022.