



Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Parish Council

Northamptonshire



Risk Assessment: Memorial Grass Cutting

Ver: 1.0 (4th May 2014)

1. Activity being undertaken

Grass cutting around the 305th BG Memorial site by Councillors, staff and volunteers.

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 identified 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

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

Activities assessed 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	Mitigation	Severity	Probability	Risk
1. Sharp Objects – Glass, needles, nails etc. e.g. Needle stick injury leading to Hepatitis B	Needles must not be picked up or touched under any circumstances. Location should be noted and ENC Waste Team contacted (01832 742 026) Participants must wear strong, sensible footwear (boots, Wellingtons) with adequate grip – no open-toe footwear allowed.	Medium	Low	Low



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<p>2. Objects thrown up by mower – impact injury.</p> <p>e.g. stone hits the operator or a passer-by.</p>	<p>Participants to wear suitable outdoor clothing that does not expose bare areas of skin (esp. legs).</p> <p>Participants must wear strong, sensible footwear (boots, Wellingtons) with adequate grip – no open-toe footwear allowed.</p> <p>Operator to wear safety glasses.</p> <p>Operator to be aware of surroundings and passers-by.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Low</p>
<p>3. Objects thrown up by mower – object damage.</p> <p>e.g. stone hits parked or passing car.</p>	<p>Operator to be aware of surroundings and vehicles.</p> <p>Mowing is not to take place adjacent to parked vehicles.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Low</p>
<p>4. Slips Trips and Falls</p> <p>e.g. Sprained ankle from tripping.</p>	<p>Participants to wear strong, sensible footwear (boots, Wellingtons) with adequate grip – no open-toe footwear allowed.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Low</p>
<p>5. Manual Handling</p> <p>e.g. Back injury from attempting to move heavy objects such as the mower.</p>	<p>Minimise repetitive bending wherever possible.</p> <p>Mower should be wheeled rather than lifted wherever possible, minimising manual handling.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Low</p>
<p>6. Powered machinery</p> <p>e.g. hand or foot caught by blade or contact with hot surfaces.</p>	<p>Participants to wear strong, sensible footwear (boots, Wellingtons) with adequate grip – no open-toe footwear allowed.</p> <p>Operator to ensure “cut out” is functioning before starting mowing.</p> <p>Operator is not to put hand into mower (e.g. to clear a blockage) until mower is powered off and blades have come to rest.</p> <p>Operator to be familiar with hot surfaces (e.g. exhaust).</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Medium</p>
<p>7. Traffic (Vehicle movements)</p> <p>e.g. Fatality or major injury caused by moving vehicles whilst crossing the B645.</p>	<p>Site is in the 30 mph zone.</p> <p>Participants to wear florescent high-visibility vest.</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Medium</p>

Signed (Clerk) 4th May 2014.