



## Risk Assessment for Volunteer Litter Picking

<b>Location (s)</b>	<b>Balderton Parish</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>February 21<sup>st</sup> 2024</b>			
<b>Meeting place</b>	<b>Balderton Village Centre Car Park or Balderton Lake or another place deemed safe within the parish to meet with volunteers.</b>			
<b>Organiser</b>	<b>A member of the community or a parish councillor</b>			
<b>Author of risk assessment</b>	<b>Marion Fox Goddard</b>			
<b>Potential /hazards (harm)</b>	<b>Recommended Control Measures</b>	<b>Action Required</b>	<b>Action by who</b>	<b>Risk Rating Low/Medium/High</b>
<b>Impact from vehicles (cuts / bruises / breaks / possible death)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Litter picking should not be undertaken on highways or within close, unguarded proximity to roads or areas where there are moving vehicles or where the speed limit exceeds 40mph.</li> <li>On roads with a speed limit of up to 40 mph, a sideways safety zone of 0.5 metres from the highway applies and this should not be entered into.</li> <li>Litter picking should only be undertaken where there are footpaths or verges more than 0.5 metres from the highway.</li> <li>All volunteers are to wear hi-viz jackets at all times.</li> <li>Care to be taken where there is a need to cross a road.</li> </ol>	<p>Choose route that does not involve roads or roads without suitable footpaths.</p> <p>Advise volunteers not to litter pick on roads at briefing.</p>	Event organiser	High
<b>Trips / Slips due to uneven ground / kerbs (cuts / bruises / breaks)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommend volunteers wear strong sensible footwear with ankle support for activity and not open-toed footwear or flip flops.</li> <li>Do not pick on or close to the edge of steep slopes, watercourses or ditches.</li> </ol>	<p>Identify hazards in risk assessment and advise volunteers at briefing.</p> <p>All litter pickers to be given a copy of this risk assessment to read prior to the pick and to sign the signing in sheet</p>	Event organiser	Medium
<b>Overgrown hedges or low hanging branches (cuts/bruises/injury to eyes and face)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteers are to be aware of their surroundings on the route.</li> <li>Avoid reaching into hedges and undergrowth that may expose face, eyes and skin to scratches.</li> <li>Take care with equipment.</li> </ol>	Identify hazards in risk assessment and advise volunteers at briefing.	Event organiser	Medium
<b>Injury from aggressive dogs or livestock (cuts/bites/bruises)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Avoid sites where there is known to be dangerous animals such as dogs or livestock with their young.</li> </ol>	Identify hazards in risk assessment and advise volunteers at briefing.	Event organiser	Medium

Potential /hazards (harm)	Recommended Control Measures	Action Required	Action by who	Risk Rating <i>Low/Medium/High</i>
<b>Injuries from Sharps/broken glass/hazardous substances such as gas bottles</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteers are to be aware of possible hazards and told to avoid direct hand contact with litter.</li> <li>Anything hazardous such as syringes, asbestos, animal waste, noxious materials, hazardous materials such as palm oil, should not be handled by volunteers and should be reported to the event organisers who will advise Newark and Sherwood District Council of any issues for collection.</li> <li>Broken glass should be placed in a solid container not a sack.</li> <li>Animal faeces not to be picked up.</li> </ol>	Identify hazards in risk assessment and advise volunteers at briefing. Provide a solid container for broken glass i.e. a plastic bucket.	Event organiser	Medium
<b>Injury from lifting heavy objects (strain/exhaustion)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteers should be told not to lift or move heavy items.</li> <li>Volunteers should be advised not to overfill sacks.</li> <li>Items should only be picked using the litter picking stick. Items too heavy or big to lift should be reported to the event organiser who will advise Newark and Sherwood District Council of any issues for collection.</li> </ol>	Identify hazards in risk assessment and advise volunteers at briefing. Advise how to use litter picking stick correctly	Event organiser	Medium
<b>Risk from inclement weather</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check weather forecast and advise volunteers to wear appropriate clothing</li> <li>In very hot sunny weather advise volunteers to apply sunscreen and to wear a hat and take plenty of water to stay hydrated</li> </ol>	Identify hazards in risk assessment and advise volunteers at briefing.	Event organiser	Medium
<b>Risk of drowning</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteers to be told: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>not to go to the waters edge</li> <li>to stay on paths around Balderton Lake</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	Identify hazards in risk assessment and advise volunteers at briefing.	Event organiser	Medium
<b>Children not aware of hazards detailed above</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children to be supervised by a responsible adult</li> </ol>	Remind those bringing children to always supervise them.	Event organiser	Medium





