

FRIENDS OF GEDLING HOUSE WOODS



Risk assessment

Activity:	Clearing debris/litter/undergrowth from of woods and meadows and general maintenance
Applies to:	Committee members, other members and volunteers undertaking above activities

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The risk assessment for general site visits also applies to this activity

Personal injury					
Hazard	Persons at risk	Risk level	Control measures	Those responsible	Further action needed
Accidental injury while undertaking clearance or maintenance tasks	All undertaking the activity	Medium	<p>Use hand tools and battery driven tools only. Wear gloves. No work to be undertaken using ladders.</p> <p>All tools to be removed from the site after use.</p> <p>All litter/debris should be bagged and removed from the site; glass must be cleared using gloves and disposed of safely.</p> <p>Vegetation in the woods should be left close by where it does not cause a hazard to others or in a safe holding area for subsequent removal. Vegetation other than hay bales from the meadow to be removed to the main gate for collection by GBC (by negotiation on each occasion), or chipped/shredded.</p> <p>No heavy objects should be lifted without sufficient</p>	All those undertaking clearance or maintenance tasks.	Report any potential hazards noted during the visit so that action can be taken to remedy hazardous situations

Risk from vehicles when working on roadside verge	All undertaking the activity	Low	<p>people to do it, or be left for mechanical lifting via a contractor.</p> <p>No pesticides or herbicides should be used on site by those undertaking maintenance activities; these are to be used only by approved specialist contractors.</p> <p>On hot days, take drinks on site to avoid dehydration and use sunscreen and protective hat/clothing to avoid sunburn/sunstroke.</p> <p>Always wear Hi-Vis jacket/gilet when working outside main gate or on roadside verges. Use cones/signs if obstructing traffic flow. (Traffic is generally low and relatively slow.</p>		
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Injury to others					
Hazard	Persons at risk	Risk level	Control measures	Those responsible	Further action needed
Other wood users not participating in the activity are injured.	General public	Low	<p>Work safely and stop all activity while members of the general public pass by.</p> <p>If the work temporarily blocks paths, ensure warning notices are used and the blockage is kept to a minimum.</p>	Each participant	