

FRIENDS OF GEDLING HOUSE WOODS



Risk assessment

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| Activity: | Clearing debris/litter/undergrowth/hay 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 | | | | | |
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| 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>Volunteers to use hand tools and battery driven tools only. No chain saw work permitted. 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), composted in the hawthorn coppice in</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 |

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| Risk from vehicles when working on roadside verge Covid pandemic additions | All undertaking the activity | Low | <p>meadow 2, or chipped/shredded.</p> <p>No heavy objects should be lifted without sufficient 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> | All those undertaking tasks. All those undertaking tasks. | Report back to task leader if tested positive for Covid-19 following working with others. |
| | All undertaking the activity | Medium | <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> <p>Maintain social distance and, when necessary to work closely together, consider wearing face masks.</p> | | |

| Injury to others | | | | | |
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| 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. Stop activity if dogs approach.</p> <p>If the work temporarily blocks paths, ensure warning notices are used and the blockage is kept to a minimum.</p> | Each participant | |