

Risk Assessment

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For: **Organisers and Volunteer Litter-pickers age 16 and over.**

On: **8th February 2021**

Review date: **8th August 21**

Exemptions: Minors under 16 years of age will remain the sole responsibility of parent /guardian and extra care should be taken to ensure their safety and wellbeing.

Potential hazards	People at risk and how?	Actions already in place	Further action required	Action by	Action target date	Done
Strain	Sack carriers picking too much litter	Plastic sacks only	Continually empty of weight & limit time carrying	Organisers & volunteers	Today	
Back & arm injury	Picking up heavy items of litter	Limited robustness of litter-picking stick	Continually assess litter items & pick within personal limits only	Organisers & volunteers	Today	
Personal Injury	Cuts, scratches	Gloves & litter pick-stick provided	Wear correct footwear & warm clothing for terrain	Organisers & volunteers	Today	
Slips, trips & falls	Over-reaching, over-foraging, unsafe terrain	Litter pick-stick, gloves, clothing recommendations, guidance	Retain awareness of environment & don't endanger yourself or others for a piece of litter.	Organisers & volunteers	Today	

Substance Risks						
Disease	Dog poo bags	Gloves, sticks & sacks	Use existing dog litter bins where possible or leave unpicked if unsure	Organisers & volunteers	Today	
Dog poo shoe	Taking dirt home with you	Advice on correct footwear Remain aware of terrain	Check underneath each shoe after finishing volunteering and before entering your home. Remove shoes before entering.	Organisers and volunteers	Today	
Road traffic incident	Street and verge litter pickers. Being hit by moving vehicles	All street litter pickers advised to wear hi-vis vest. Remain extra vigilante to surroundings. Advised to pick in pairs or bigger groups.	Remain on the pavement when picking. Our policy is to LEAVE any litter that would present any type of danger to pick	Organisers & volunteers	Today	
Waterways	Soaking, hypothermia, drowning	Advice to remain safe, stay away from waterways and pick within sensible limitations only	Our policy is to LEAVE any litter out of the normal reach of a litter pick-stick	Organisers & volunteers	Today	
Electricity	Electric shock, death	Advice to remain safe & stay away from live pylons & other live electrical sources	Our Policy is to LEAVE any litter that would present any type of danger to anyone picking it	Organisers & volunteers	Today	

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