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Rothley Parish Council Volunteers Risk Assessment for outdoor working groups

Risk	Hazard	Who might be at risk	Likelihood (L)	Severity (S)	Rating (LxS)	Action required to reduce risk if Rating above 6
Rivers, streams, drainage dykes.	Infection. Drowning	Volunteers	1	4	4	Awareness of local knowledge. Working in teams.
Working in public open spaces	Children, other adults & dogs cause distraction. Possible injuries from dogs	Volunteers & public	1	2	2	Local knowledge, awareness of hazards. Warning signs where appropriate.
Tetanus	Cuts which have come from soil or rusty metal etc	Volunteers	2	2	4	Ensure regular 10year booster is kept up to date
Dehydration	Fatigue, headaches,	Volunteers	2	1	2	Ensure water is kept in close proximity to avoid dehydration
Injury from tools in use by	Personal injury	Volunteers	2	2	4	All tools must be in good condition and used safely Sensible clothing and footwear to be always worn

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Thorn injuries	Scratches, Puncture Wounds, Eye Wounds	Volunteers	3	1	3	Gloves to be worn when appropriate Personnel should be aware of the danger to the eyes from thorns and twig ends and protective goggles used in areas of high risk
Flying debris	Personal injury	Volunteers	1	2	2	Always use long trousers, sturdy footwear
Skin Conditions / cuts & scrapes	Skin Conditions / cuts & scrapes	Volunteers	2	2	4	Use gloves when appropriate
Uneven Ground	Falling, tripping, bruising	Volunteers	2	2	4	Be vigilant of selected area's topography
Spores from Bracken / Bracken fungi when working near to or cutting bracken.	Inhalation, poisoning	Volunteers	1	2	2	Warn people of the toxic nature of bracken and possible disease of inhaling spores PPE provided: wear gloves, long sleeves, and long trousers. If major clearance / disturbance of bracken is involved wear a fine pore mask

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Sun / hot weather	Burn, heat stroke	Volunteers	1	2	2	Always have adequate water for refreshment Plan work accordingly to avoid over exposure
Cutting back small trees bushes and flying wood	Head injuries, cuts, bruises	Volunteers & members of the public	2	2	4	Ensure good working practice especially safe working distances Cease work in high winds
Injury from manual handling	Back injury, joint pain, muscles injury	Volunteers	1	2	2	Avoid lifting/carrying heavy rocks / boulders / branches
Illness from contact with soil	Poisoning, illness	Volunteers	1	2	2	Cover any broken skin before work and promptly wash and cover any cuts received Wash hands before eating or drinking
Slips, trips, and debris hazards	Slips, trips and falls, cuts, bruising	Volunteers	1	2	2	Inspect site at start to identify and if necessary, mark inherent hazards
Planting bulbs, plants shrubs	Danger from allergic reactions. Knee pain	Volunteers	1	2	2	Wear gloves. Use a kneeling pad.
Litter picking	Injury from sharp items	Volunteers	1	3	3	Wear gloves. Use litter picker.

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Roadside working	Moving traffic	Volunteers	1	4	4	Use hi visibility jackets. Be aware of local traffic conditions
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Risk Rating guide						
Likelihood	1. Unlikely	2. Seldom	3. Occasional	4. Likely		
Severity	1. Insignificant	2. Marginal	3. Moderate	4. Critical		

Unlikely 1	Low	Low	Low	Low
Seldom 2	Low	Low	Medium	Medium
Occasional 3	Low	Medium	Medium	High
Likely 4	Low	Medium	High	High
	Insignificant 1	Marginal 2	Moderate 3	Critical 4