

### 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
<b>Rivers, streams, drainage dykes.</b>	Infection. Drowning	Volunteers	1	4	4	Awareness of local knowledge. Working in teams.
<b>Working in public open spaces</b>	Children, other adults & dogs cause distraction. Possible injuries from dogs	Volunteers & public	1	2	2	Local knowledge, awareness of hazards. Warning signs where appropriate.
<b>Tetanus</b>	Cuts which have come from soil or rusty metal etc	Volunteers	2	2	4	Ensure regular 10year booster is kept up to date
<b>Dehydration</b>	Fatigue, headaches,	Volunteers	2	1	2	Ensure water is kept in close proximity to avoid dehydration
<b>Injury from tools in use by yourself or others.</b>	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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<b>Thorn injuries</b>	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
<b>Flying debris</b>	Personal injury	Volunteers	1	2	2	Always use long trousers, sturdy footwear
<b>Skin Conditions / cuts &amp; scrapes</b>	Skin Conditions / cuts & scrapes	Volunteers	2	2	4	Use gloves when appropriate
<b>Uneven Ground</b>	Falling, tripping, bruising	Volunteers	2	2	4	Be vigilant of selected area's topography
<b>Spores from Bracken / Bracken fungi when working near to or cutting bracken.</b>	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
<b>Sun / hot weather</b>	Burn, heat stroke	Volunteers	1	2	2	Always have adequate water for refreshment  Plan work accordingly to avoid over exposure
<b>Cutting back small trees</b>	Head injuries, cuts, bruises	Volunteers & members of the public	2	2	4	Ensure good working practice especially safe working distances

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<b>bushes and flying wood</b>						Cease work in high winds
<b>Injury from manual handling</b>	Back injury, joint pain, muscles injury	Volunteers	1	2	2	Avoid lifting/carrying heavy rocks / boulders / branches
<b>Illness from contact with soil</b>	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
<b>Slips, trips, and debris hazards</b>	Slips, trips and falls, cuts, bruising	Volunteers	1	2	2	Inspect site at start to identify and if necessary, mark inherent hazards
<b>Planting bulbs, plants shrubs</b>	Danger from allergic reactions. Knee pain	Volunteers	1	2	2	Wear gloves. Use a kneeling pad.
<b>Litter picking</b>	Injury from sharp items	Volunteers	1	3	3	Wear gloves. Use litter picker.
<b>Roadside working</b>	Moving traffic	Volunteers	1	4	4	Use hi visibility jackets. Be aware of local traffic conditions

**Risk Rating guide**

<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>1. Unlikely</b>	<b>2. Seldom</b>	<b>3. Occasional</b>	<b>4. Likely</b>
<b>Severity</b>	<b>1. Insignificant</b>	<b>2. Marginal</b>	<b>3. Moderate</b>	<b>4. Critical</b>

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<b>Unlikely 1</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Low</b>
<b>Seldom 2</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Medium</b>
<b>Occasional 3</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>High</b>
<b>Likely 4</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>High</b>
	<b>Insignificant 1</b>	<b>Marginal 2</b>	<b>Moderate 3</b>	<b>Critical 4</b>