

Litter Pick COVID-19 Risk Assessment

Name of Organisation:	Birling Parish Council	Start Date:	19/09/2020
Person Responsible:	Birling Parish Council	Date of Assessment:	15/09/2020
Name of Risk Assessor:	Julie Miller	Date of Review:	

No	Hazard & Potential Consequences	Persons at Risk	Current Control Measures	Total Risk Rating (see risk rating matrix)	Additional Control Measures Necessary	Action by Whom
1.	<i>Traffic</i> <i>Risk of harm</i>	Litterpickers	<p>Mapped risk assessment to ensure road first into medium or low risk category</p> <p>Use of Reasonable safety measures</p>	A3	<p>Be aware of oncoming traffic and other hazards. Where possible, walk towards oncoming traffic.</p> <p>Do not litter pick along roads over 30mph</p> <p>Ensure use of PPE</p> <p>Do not use mobile phones whilst on the highway</p>	One volunteer to act as 'eyes and ears' for traffic movement on behalf of the rest of the group
2.	<i>Lifting heavy objects</i>	Litterpickers	<p>Do not move or lift objects unless necessary</p> <p>Use mechanical aids or handle with a number of people.</p>	A3	<p>Stop immediately if suffering any pain or discomfort</p>	Lead volunteer to report large/heavy objects to the local council on

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			Break up the load into smaller parcels Use good lifting technique		Seek medical attention if ill effects persist	behalf of the group.
3.	Chemicals Risk of harm	Litter pickers	Do not approach or remove containers which contain/contained chemicals	A3	Seek medical attention if exposed to pesticides insecticides or other chemicals. Record any label details.	Lead volunteer to contact EA 0800 807060
4.	<i>Steep slopes and Steps</i> <i>Electric fences</i> <i>Slips/trips/falls</i>	<i>Litter pickers</i>	Avoid picking near to slopes and steps Take weather conditions into account	A3	Seek medical treatment in the event of injury	Instruct volunteers to stay away from these areas
5.	Ground conditions	<i>Litter pickers</i>	Wear strong boots with ankle support Avoid dangerous areas	A3	Seek medical attention for any cuts and bruises	Stay within registered area, instruct volunteers to wear appropriate footwear
6.	Hedges, fences, walls, ditches Water, marshes and bogs	<i>Litter Pickers</i>	Take care climbing stiles, particularly in wet weather. Avoid climbing walls, ditches and fences Avoid banks especially if unstable	A3	Shower and change to warm dry clothing if immersed	Never allow children to work in these areas. Adults should be warned.

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			Work in pairs			
7.	Vehicles, bicycles plant and machinery	Litter pickers	Avoid close proximity if possible. Stay off the highway Be alert to the potential presence of agricultural machinery Wear hi-visibility clothing Do not work on roads over 40mph	A3	Seek medical attention in the event of injury	Keep a look out - ALL
8.	People and lone working	Litter pickers	Beware of aggressive and difficult people Withdraw rather than face conflict Do not work out of sight of others in the group No school age children to be working on the highway			

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9.	Refuse, litter	<p>Pick up only general litter</p> <p>Do not collect medical waste</p> <p>Wear gloves and use a litter picker wherever practicable and available</p>	<p>Seek medical attention for any cuts</p> <p>Keep anti-tetanus injections up to date</p> <p>Any needles found should not be picked up and should be reported immediately to 01732 876147</p>	A3	Volunteers must wear the safety clothing provided	
10.	Tools and equipment	<p>Team shown how to use equipment</p> <p>Allow sufficient working area for the correct and</p>	<p>First aid training</p> <p>Have first aid kit available</p> <p>Obtain medical attention in the event of injury</p>		Volunteers must use the equipment provided instructed	

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		safe use of the tools Use appropriate protection				
11.	PPE	Litter pickers	Volunteers to wear Hi-Vis All volunteers to use their own gloves Volunteers to collect litter pickers from a bottle of anti-bacterial spray. Ask volunteers to spray the handle when they collect and drop off			
12.	COVID-19	Litter pickers	Individuals currently shielding, in 'at risk' groups (or in contact with those symptoms) or have directly been advised to self isolate Volunteers to bring own gloves Wash hands before and after litter pick Carry hand sanitiser			

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			Stay at least one metre from fellow volunteers and members of the public Don't pick up sharps Litter to be tied up in strong waste sacks			

Risk Rating Matrix

	A	B	C
1			
2			
3			

	Severity		Likelihood
A	represents death, major injury or major damage or loss of property or equipment	1	Extremely likely to occur
B	Represents an injury lasting over 3 days or damage to property or equipment	2	Likely to occur
C	Represents a minor injury or minor damage to property or equipment	3	May occur, but unlikely