

## **Guidelines for Helpers of the Autumn Village Clean-up 2016**

*A completed risk assessment is available on the Parwich Parish Council website.*

This guide explains the key Health & Safety points taken from the risk assessment

- Volunteers take part at their own risk
- Children are very welcome with permission from their parent. Under 9's are expected to be accompanied by a parent
- Volunteers to wear suitable clothing for the task and the weather conditions. Sturdy and appropriate footwear (wellington boots) and strong gloves. Clothing and footwear should ideally be waterproof.  
We believe that... No Gloves - No Tasks
- It is helpful if volunteers bring their own tools, such as rakes, spades and forks, please ensure these are in a suitable state of repair so that they do not cause injury to yourself or others
- Many volunteers will be in contact with the stream and pond. You should be aware of a Weil's Disease which is water-borne disease cause by rat urine. This disease is normally associated with slow flowing and stagnant water, therefore the risk of this is considered low in the stream/pond.
- If you come into direct contact with dog faeces please wash your hands immediately as this can cause Toxocariasis (blindness) in young children
- During the activity please make the organisers of any Health & Safety concerns that you encounter
- Please take extra care of traffic, especially on the blind bend near to the Millennium Pond
- Power tools should not be used by anyone who is not suitably trained
- Look out for the safety of yourselves and others (especially children)
- After the event refreshments will be provided at the Sycamore Pub. Please ensure you wash your hands well before handling and consuming food.