

Risk Assessment for Village Maintenance and tidying

Activity date 18 Nov 18
Activity title Pump Hill clean up day
Activity location ParwiPump Hill
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Description of activities identified.

Control of vegetation and general tidying.
 Pruning.
 Cutting of small self set trees and shrubs.

Hazards and risks	Likelihood (Max 3)	Severity (Max 3)	Risk (LxS) (Max 9=3x3)	Controls
General tidying : Manual handling risks : Risks include back strains There a number of tidying jobs which may require lifting and moving heavy items.	2	2	4	# Volunteers manually handling heavy items should be physically capable. This is an assessment that each volunteer should make about themselves. # Volunteers must 'ask for help' wherever necessary. # Gloves and other protection must also be worn.
Removal of vegetation : Manual handling of equipment and waste : Risks include back strains and contact with equipment used to remove debris from the site. The job moving the cut debris into the tippers can be heavy work and should only be completed by those who are physically capable. The work should also be shared amongst as many people as possible to reduce the risk of injury and spread the effort.	2	2	4	# Volunteers manually handling grass, brambles and debris should be physically capable. This is an assessment that each volunteer should make about themselves. # Volunteers must 'ask for help' where ever necessary. # Gloves and other protection must also be worn. # Take care when working around tippers and other vehicles, see separate note on tippers and dumpsters. # Heavier duty gloves (cut resistant) should be considered when handling brambles or sharp objects
Tipper and dumpsters - Risk of people being run over, risk of contact injuries To help clear away the debris we may use the tippers and dumpsters supplied by local people. It is vital that these volunteers are skilled and trained to drive and operate these vehicles. It is key that children are managed around the on-site vehicles.	1	3	3	# Volunteer helpers must be trained and skilled if they are to operate site vehicles such as dumpers. # Volunteers (especially young children) should be cautious and aware of the dangers with the vehicles and should not go near to the vehicles when they are switched on, or being operated. See notes on 'General safety of children' below.
General use of domestic garden or other tools : risk of injury from the use of tools, or from others using tools Everyone using tools must ensure they are capable, able and if necessary trained / competent in the use of tools, especially in the use of power tools. People using power tools should wear the appropriate personal protective equipment for the specific tool. People using tools (and power tools) should ensure the safety of those around them.	2	2	4	# Volunteers must only use tools that they are able and capable of using. # Those using power tools must be suitably skilled / competent and wear the appropriate personal protective equipment. # Volunteers must take care of their own safety and that of fellow volunteers # Children should not use tools or equipment unless they have been trained and/or have been given permission. Children must take extra care when using any tools and be aware of others around them.
Use of strimmers or hedge cutters. Everyone using strimmers or hedge cutters must ensure that they capable and competent to use the equipment. People using strimmers or hedge cutters should wear the appropriate personal protective equipment for the task such as eye protection, safety footwear and gloves. People using strimmers or hedge cutters should ensure the safety of those around them. The most significant risk from strimmers or hedge cutters is flying debris and cuts when moving cut material	3	1	3	# Volunteer helpers must be trained/competent and skilled if they are to operate strimmers. # Strimming requires significant effort and regular breaks and fluid intake is essential. Volunteers should also be aware of the physical strains using a strimmer and must therefore be physically capable. # Volunteers should wear the appropriate personal protective equipment, especially eye protection, gloves and safety footwear. # Volunteers helping to clear away the cut materials, should not work near to the strimmers and should also wear gloves and eye protection to protect from flying debris.
General safety of children : risk of falling, inappropriate use of tools, risk of traffic or on-site vehicle incidents It is vital that children are involved in the clean-up activities and are engaged in community clean-up projects. Children (depending upon their age / abilities and maturities) will need varying levels of supervision. Where possible the parents of the children should be present to help supervise them. Volunteers can not be wholly held responsible for other peoples children. Children must wear appropriate protection from risks i.e. eye protection gloves, sturdy shoes or wellies. Children must also take care lifting heavy items. Children must ask for help and must also seek safety advice if they are unsure of how to complete a task or activity safely.	3	3	9	# Parents of 'volunteer children' allow their children to attend the clean-up activities at their own risk. There will be <u>no formal</u> supervision of your children by the other volunteers. # Children <9years old must be accompanied by a responsible adult and supervised at all times. # Children should not use tools or equipment unless they have been trained and/or have been given permission. Children must take extra care when using any tools and be aware of others around them. # All children should wear and other appropriate clothing for the activities they will be performing. # It is important that children look out for each other # The greatest risk for children will be the on-site traffic movement of tippers and dumpsters. It is known that children have fun may safely ride on these vehicles, if we are to avoid accidents it is vital that these children listen very carefully and follow the safety instructions of vehicle drivers. # Before commencing the clean-up children should receive a short safety briefing warning of any dangers and things to look out for.
Litter picking - Risk of cuts, contamination and disease: Generally most litter will be food wrappers, drinks bottles (plastic or glass) and other forms of waste. It is possible that some of the litter will be sharp, may contain degrading food and mould, insects may be present and there is a possibility that animal faeces will be present around the areas. It is vital that each of the volunteers wears suitable strong gloves when handling litter and that any animal faeces is handled only by an adult using disposable gloves and/or a disposable plastic bag.	2	2	4	# Volunteers must wear strong gloves for collecting / handling litter. # Volunteers should take extra care when handling glass or other sharp objects # Care must be taken handling animal faeces, in rare cases contact with faeces can cause toxocarasis (blindness) in young children, if ingested or contacted. Only adults must handle animal faeces and this must be done using disposable gloves or suitable plastic bags. # All volunteers should wash their hands thoroughly after handling litter.
Pneumonia, cold, overheating: It is likely that the water temperature will be cold during the activities. The outside temperature during the activity at the time assessment was completed is unknown. It could be that volunteers will witness both cold and hot times (i.e. hot once they have been actively helping).	2	1	2	# It is important that people come dressed in appropriate clothes for the weather conditions on the day of the event. Correct footwear is essential. # If there are any extreme weather conditions i.e. thunderstorms, high winds, lightning strikes, etc. then the activity will be suspended or cancelled. # Volunteers should also consider bringing with them a flask with a hot drink. Sycamore to provide refreshments after the event