

FLITTON AND GREENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL RISK ASSESSMENT (Jan 2019)

The Parish Council has agreed to pick up litter throughout the Parish area

SUB COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITY

Highways

| Risk or Potential Hazard | Method or precautions used to Minimise Risk | Risk Level H/M/L | Person Responsibility |
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| Before starting a litter pick, ensure you <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have the correct Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – eg Thick gloves, hi-viz vest, sensible footwear, weather appropriate clothing etc. • Have the correct equipment – eg Litter grabbers, plastic bags, and know how to use the equipment. • Consider all the risks and hazards in the work area, eg hazardous waste, broken glass, dog waste, vomit, needles, condoms and roads/cycle ways, thorny bushes, low branches, uneven ground, hidden bankings etc. • Know the work area and how to report incidents or hazardous or unidentified waste, where to get first aid, deposit bags of waste and mark any bags containing sharp material eg broken glass. | | | |
| Cuts or injuries emanating from glass, needles, batteries, chemicals | Supply and use of litter grabbers to pick up sharp litter. All pickers should have up to date tetanus protection. | M | Clerk and litter pickers |
| Cuts or injuries emanating from needles | Leave alone & report to council for removal. Thoroughly wash hands and any cuts afterwards | M | Litter picker |
| Cuts or injuries emanating from batteries, chemicals or asbestos | Leave alone & report to council for removal. Thoroughly wash hands and any cuts afterwards | M | Litter picker |
| Heavy/awkward to handle rubbish causing strain or pulled muscles | Extreme care to be taken, use good lifting practices and share the load with an appropriate number of people. If too heavy to handle leave the object in place and report it to the organiser to arrange removal by the council. | M | Litter picker |

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| Ground conditions resulting in Sprains, muscle damage & broken bones | Avoid dangerous areas and choose the safest possible route over difficult ground. Instruct volunteers to wear suitable footwear | L | Clerk and litter pickers |
| Collision with vehicles | Litter pickers to wear high viz vests where necessary and be alert to vehicles in close proximity | L | Clerk and Litter picker |
| Physical assault as a result of lone working | Be aware of aggressive and difficult people and withdraw rather than face conflict. Do not work out of sight where possible and let a contact have mobile phone details and idea of route. Stay off private property | L | |
| Toxycara Canis as a result of contact with dog faeces | Do not touch dog faeces and always wear gloves and use a shovel when removing dog faeces. Thoroughly wash hands and any cuts afterwards | L | Litter picker |
| Various health issues as a result of weather | Cease work in inappropriate conditions and avoid working in extreme conditions. Dress for conditions & carry additional clothing in the event of extreme weather conditions and postpone or abandon | L | Litter picker |
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| <p>On Completion of the Litter Pick Ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Everyone washes their hands thoroughly as soon as possible after the litter pick and before taking any food or drink. ☑ Any wounds are redressed after cleaning and disinfecting if there has been any contact with water. ☑ Volunteers carry out a personal inspection for cuts etc. ☑ Report any hazardous items to the Council. ☑ All volunteers have reported back and all equipment is collected back in. ☑ All rubbish for collection has been left in the arranged pick up site. ☑ Any bags containing sharp material, eg broken glass, are clearly identified. | | | |