

**LITTER PICK RISK ASSESSMENT**

**Saturday 23 October 2021**

<b>What are the hazards?</b>	<b>Who might be harmed and how?</b>	<b>What are you already doing?</b>	<b>What further action is necessary?</b>	<b>Action by whom? (Full Name)</b>	<b>Action by when?</b>	<b>Done (Must be YES and include date)</b>
Lack of information and awareness	Volunteers	All volunteers should be given a Briefing and Safety Talk, covering the any risks and general information about correct use of the equipment, any particular issues to be aware of regarding the site, muster points etc.	None	Event organiser	On the day	
Aggression/ abuse from members of the public	Risk of conflict with member of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We do not recommend that you approach members of the public to challenge inappropriate behaviour such as dog fouling or littering. Ignore this behaviour and report it if necessary either to your local authority or police if a confrontation occurs.</li> <li>Do not trespass onto private property whilst litter picking.</li> </ul>	<p>Report any incidents to the police. For an immediate threat or emergency use 999. For a non emergency please use 101 to report the incident.</p> <p>Please also report the incident to <a href="mailto:Enquiries@KeepBritainTidy.org">Enquiries@KeepBritainTidy.org</a></p>	Event organiser	On the day	
Sunburn	Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wear suitable clothing (gloves, sleeves and trousers)</li> <li>In hot weather, wear hat and apply sunblock before beginning the activity and reapply as required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider suspending litter pick if weather is sufficiently extreme</li> </ul>	Event organiser	On the day	
Extreme cold or wet weather	Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wear warm layers and waterproof clothing</li> <li>Wear thick socks and sturdy boots or shoes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider suspending litter pick if weather is sufficiently extreme</li> </ul>	Event organiser	On the day	
Cuts and grazes  Stings or bites from vegetation or insects	Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No unprotected feet – wear sturdy shoes, boots or trainers</li> <li>Wear suitable clothing (gloves, sleeves and trousers)</li> <li>All volunteers to use litter-pickers to collect rubbish – NEVER scoop up items by hand</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake an onsite review of the area to be cleaned, identifying any hazard and brief volunteers before event begins</li> </ul>	Event organiser	In advance of the day or on the day	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be wary of uneven ground and trip hazards including trailing vegetation</li> </ul>				
Irritant and dangerous plants	Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteers advised not to touch any potentially irritant and dangerous plants</li> <li>• If unsure or concerned about presence of irritant and dangerous plants in the area, organiser to advise relevant authority, i.e. Local Authority.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Event organiser to deliver briefing on the day</li> </ul>	Event organiser	On the day	
Trees, shrubs - Trips, cuts & eye pokes	Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be aware of low hanging branches and exposed tree and shrub roots</li> <li>• Obtain medical attention in the event of injury</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Event organiser to deliver briefing on the day</li> </ul>		On the day	
Slips, trips and falls	Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wear supportive and slip resistant footwear</li> <li>• Take care when negotiating property steps</li> <li>• Observe ground and be aware of trip hazards</li> <li>• If in doubt don't carry on if an area looks slippery or dangerous</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Event organiser will remind volunteers to take care when pavements are slippery from rain, leaves, ice, snow etc</li> <li>• Event organiser to check clothing and footwear</li> <li>• Event organiser will consider suspending the litter-pick if weather is sufficiently extreme</li> </ul>	Event organiser	On the day	
Litter picking near roads and car parks	Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children to remain under supervision and in sight of responsible adult at all times</li> <li>• Briefing to include warning on roads, speed limits and known hazards</li> <li>• Briefing to include warning to always focus when crossing roads and to be aware of surroundings at all time</li> <li>• Be aware of cars, potentially trying to park, maintain vigilance, and give warning to others of approaching vehicles</li> <li>• Children not to pick litter from the road but to remain on pavements and paths</li> <li>• Tabards or hi-vis to be worn at all times</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check for any unusual hazards on the day</li> </ul>	Event organiser	On the day	

Syringes and medical waste	Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site survey prior to the event to check for evidence of syringes. Volunteers finding syringes should not touch them but immediately notify the event organiser who will arrange disposal via the local authority. All litter picking must then cease in this particular area</li> <li>• Any accidental piercing by syringe should be immediately treated at medical practice or A&amp;E</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remain vigilant at all time during the litter pick and end the litter pick immediately if syringes are found</li> </ul>	Briefing by event organiser to all volunteers	On the day	
Manual handling	Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteers advised to be aware of their own limitations by the event organiser during the briefing and not to lift heavy items found during the litter pick</li> <li>• Volunteers with pre-existing injuries are not to lift bags or heavy items</li> <li>• No more than one bag to be carried</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Event organiser to ensure that this is covered in the safety briefing delivered before the litter pick</li> </ul>	Event organiser	On the day	
Dog fouling	Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advise on issue of dog fouling during the briefing</li> <li>• Do not touch dog fouling</li> <li>• Do not use litter-pickers.</li> <li>• If a volunteer steps in dog faeces, clean shoes if possible</li> <li>• Always wear gloves and use a plastic spade when removing dog faeces.</li> <li>• If found warn others in the vicinity</li> <li>• If touched, thoroughly wash your hands.</li> <li>• Thoroughly wash any cuts or abrasions as soon as possible, however minor.</li> <li>• Seek medical attention where appropriate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Event organiser to deliver briefing on the day</li> </ul>	Event organiser	On the day	
Hazardous chemicals	Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any suspicious drums, materials or containers with contents not identifiable to be left untouched and Environmental Agency Pollution Hotline to be contacted (0800 7312453)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site survey at beginning of litter pick</li> </ul>	Event organiser	On the day	
Safeguarding children	Children and vulnerable adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All children and vulnerable adults to be accompanied by responsible adult (parent, carer) in approved ratio</li> <li>• No child to be out of sight of a responsible adult</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check for unaccompanied children</li> </ul>	Event organiser	On the day	
Animals – Domestic,	Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoid contact with animals. Avoid contact with</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Event organiser to deliver</li> </ul>	Event	On the	

wild & farm		<p>animal faeces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beware of adders, do not pick up or touch any snakes.</li> <li>• Seek medical attention as soon as possible after being bitten, stung or scratched.</li> <li>• Wash hands immediately after contact with faeces.</li> <li>• Avoid touching eyes or mouth</li> </ul>	briefing on the day	organiser	day	
Aggressive dogs	Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteers advised of the threat of aggressive dogs and to not approach any unknown dog.</li> <li>• Avoid areas if any evidence of aggressive dogs</li> <li>• Volunteers to maintain vigilance for dogs off leads</li> <li>• Dog Walkers in vicinity to be advised by group leader of the litter pick and to keep dogs under control</li> <li>• Children to remain under adult supervision and within sight of adults at all times</li> <li>• Adopt recommended posture if confronted by a dog – do not look in eyes, look down, do not run, pull limbs into body</li> <li>• Retreat slowly</li> <li>• Visit A&amp;E if bitten or attacked</li> <li>• Report attack to the Police and refer to the government guidance on controlling dogs in public if you feel this is necessary: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/control-dog-public/report-a-dog">https://www.gov.uk/control-dog-public/report-a-dog</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check site for evidence of dogs</li> </ul>	Event organiser	On the day	
Proximity to water	Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteers advised to stay away from water's edge, not enter the water</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Event organiser to deliver briefing on the day</li> </ul>	Event organiser	On the day	
Accidents and emergencies	Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You should ensure access to a First Aid kit if you are hosting a public clean-up. Event organiser to have mobile phone in case of emergency.</li> <li>• In the event of an emergency, event organiser to call 999</li> <li>• Before each litter pick takes place, organiser</li> </ul>		Event organiser	On the day	

		<p>updates and keeps a copy of details of local walk in centres and accident &amp; emergency departments – for minor injuries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organiser to replace used first aid items immediately after event, check kit before every event and undertake formal inventory on a quarterly basis</li> </ul>				
Collection of litter – fly-tipped asbestos	Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If there is an accumulation of waste which would obviously have been fly-tipped deliberately on site, then this should be left alone and the relevant local authority with responsibility for fly-tipping clearance informed.</li> <li>It is possible that asbestos could be found amongst smaller accumulations of litter that may not appear to be fly tipping. A simple asbestos ID chart can be found on the HSE website here: <a href="http://www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/gallery.htm">http://www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/gallery.htm</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake an on-site review of the area; identify any hazards and brief volunteers before event begins.</li> <li>Do not litter-pick fly-tipped rubbish.</li> </ul>	Event organiser	On the day	
Discovery of ordnance	Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you or any volunteer suspect an object to be a type of ordnance stop what you are doing and report this immediately to the event organiser who then must instruct everyone to return to the designated meeting point, whereby a roll-call will be taken, the event cancelled and the emergency services must be contacted (call 999).</li> </ul>		Event organiser		

Date of risk assessment: 04.10.2021

Risk assessment to be reviewed prior to day of litter pick to ensure compliant with current Government legislation or guidance and then signed and dated on day of litter pick.

