

**Risk Assessment for Volunteer Green Space Working Groups.**

Before starting volunteers should ensure that they

- have the correct protective clothing e.g. gloves & hi- viz vest and appropriate for weather conditions etc
- Have the correct equipment – loppers, shears & secateurs.

HAZARD	RISK	CONTROLS	FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED
Proximity to footpath	Injury to footpath users	Work should be stopped when members of the public approach.	Low
Uneven Ground	Volunteers	All work should be performed on or as near level ground as possible to avoid falling.	Low
Trip hazard	Volunteers	Volunteers should exercise their duty of care to themselves.	Low Risk
Loppers, shears and secateurs	Volunteers	Volunteers should ensure that these are used solely for the use they were intended. Children should only use them under supervision.	Low Risk
Lone Working	Volunteers	When working alone, volunteers should advise someone else of where they will be and when they will return	Low
Stinging nettles, thorny shrubs, glass and contaminated debris	Volunteers	Volunteers should wear gloves. If in doubt, leave debris and report to the organiser.	Medium Risk
Overhanging branches	Volunteers	Remove only if safe to do so. Alternatively, refer to organiser.	Low Risk
Animals – domestic & wild	Volunteers	Volunteer should beware of loose dogs and wasp/bee/hornet nests. Avoid contact with animal faeces.	Low Risk
First Aid Facilities	volunteers	Volunteers should exercise their duty of care to themselves. There is no First Aid cover. In emergency dial 999.	Low Risk
Weather – storms, heatwave	volunteers	Volunteers should dress appropriately for the weather conditions and cease working in adverse weather.	Low Risk
Electric shock	volunteers	Use only battery types of powered ground maintenance equipment	Low Risk
Fire/Explosion	Volunteers	Do not use generating equipment without hot work permit. Do not work near flammables	Low
Equipment with moving parts	Volunteers	Secure loose clothing and long hair. Use guards where appropriate.	Low
High noise levels	Volunteers	Wear hearing protection. If above 80db(A). If in doubt request an assessment. Advise those working nearby of the hazard.	Low
Flying Debris	Volunteers	Use protective eyewear or face shield. Use equipment guards where appropriate and protective gloves.	Low
Fatigue	Volunteers	Do not work or operate equipment if feeling tired, unwell, and/or under the influence of medication. Take breaks.	Medium