

| Bredenbury Group Parish Council           |            |   |                               |
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| <b>Specific Risk Assessment:</b>          |            | Litter Picking in Bredenbury by Parish Councillors      |                               |
| <b>Date of Assessment:</b>                | 12/07/2019 | <b>Assessment Conducted By:</b>                         | Pete Jones, Parish Councillor |
| <b>Responsibility for Implementation:</b> |            | Designated Group Leader - John Hulse, Parish Councillor |                               |

| Hazard/Aspect Identified          | Consequence/Impact<br>Persons at Risk  | Inherent Risk Rating* |   |   | Control Measures   | Residual Risk Rating** |   |   | Measures to reduce effects in the event of an accident |
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| Lack of information and awareness | Participants may not appreciate hazards to which they will be exposed so increasing the risk of injury | 3                     | 2 | 6 | <p>Review of the area to be litter picked prior to the event to identify any specific hazards.</p> <p>Participants to be given a copy of the risk assessment prior to the exercise.</p> <p>Participants to read the risk assessment before the activity and ensure they understand the risk and control measures.</p> <p>A Safety Talk to be given before the start of the exercise, covering the risks identified, general information about the area of the pick and the correct use of the equipment.</p> | 1                      | 2 | 2 | N/A  |

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| Effects of extreme weather – temperature, rain, sun, thunderstorm | Various health issues - Heat exhaustion, sunburn, being extremely cold or wet | 3 | 2 | 6  | <p>Participants to wear suitable clothing to protect themselves from the prevailing weather and use of sunblock as required.</p> <p>Group Leader to suspend the exercise in adverse weather conditions.</p>                     | 2 | 1 | 2 | Seek medical attention where appropriate.   |
| Broken Glass, sharp/rusty edges                                   | Cuts and infections   | 3 | 3 | 9  | <p>Sturdy shoes or boots and gloves to be worn throughout the exercise.</p> <p>All participants to use litter-grabbers to pick up sharp litter.</p> <p>Party to include someone with first aid knowledge and first aid kit.</p> | 3 | 1 | 3 | <p>Seek medical attention where appropriate.</p> <p>Thoroughly wash any cuts or abrasions as soon as possible, however minor.</p>   |
| Needles and sharps  | Cuts and infections   | 3 | 4 | 12 | <p>Do not touch needles and sharps</p> <p>Advise Group Leaders, note location and use a peg provided to mark the spot</p> <p>Group Leader to ensure reporting to Balfour Beatty for removal.</p>                                | 1 | 4 | 4 | <p>If you pierce or puncture your skin with a used needle, immediately:</p> <p>Encourage the wound to bleed, ideally by holding it under running water</p> <p>Wash the wound using running water and plenty of soap</p> <p>Do not scrub the wound while you're washing it</p> |

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|  |   |   |   |    |  |   |   |   | <p>Do not suck the wound</p> <p>Dry the wound and cover it with a waterproof plaster or dressing.</p> <p>Seek medical attention.</p>                              |
| Insects and dangerous plants                 | Stings or bites. Poisoning, skin irritations and allergic reactions | 3 | 2 | 6  | <p>Wear trousers, long sleeve tops and gloves.</p> <p>Be aware of what you are moving past or touching.</p> <p>Wash thoroughly on completion of the operation.</p>   | 3 | 1 | 3 | Seek medical attention for unusual or suspicious symptoms.  |
| Ground conditions including vegetation cover | Slips, trips and falls. Sprains, muscle damage, broken bones        | 3 | 2 | 6  | <p>Observe uneven ground and potential trip hazards. Avoid dangerous areas such as steep slopes and choose safest possible route over difficult ground.</p> <p>Wear supportive and slip-resistant footwear .</p> | 3 | 1 | 3 | <p>Thoroughly wash any cuts or abrasions as soon as possible, however minor.</p> <p>Seek medical attention for serious cuts or abrasions as soon as possible.</p> |
| Vehicles, bicycles, plant and machinery      | Serious injury or death by being stuck by a moving vehicle          | 4 | 4 | 16 | Use 'litter pick' signs to warn approaching motorists. Sign to be relocated appropriately during the course of the exercise as different roads and lanes are covered.  | 1 | 4 | 4 | Seek medical attention in the event of injury.  |

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|                                 |  |   |   |   | <p>Use a safety vehicle behind the party to warn oncoming motorists.</p> <p>Individuals to avoid close proximity to traffic if possible.</p> <p>Stay off the A44. Participants must to pick litter from the A44 roadway but must remain on pavements or verges. Be vigilant when crossing the A44.</p> <p>On the lanes, be aware of safe havens when traffic is approaching.</p> <p>Keep a lookout. Be alert to the presence of moving vehicles, bicycles, plant and machinery. Give warning to others of approaching vehicles.</p> <p>Wear Hi-Vis at all times.</p> <p>No headphones to be worn to ensure approaching vehicles are heard.</p> |   |   |   |  |
| Heavy/awkward to handle rubbish | Manual handling injuries - pulled muscles and strains. | 2 | 3 | 6 | <p>Be aware of your personal limitations and any pre-existing injuries.</p> <p>Use good lifting techniques when moving heavy objects, emptying bins and moving sacks.</p>  | 1 | 3 | 3 | Stop immediately if suffering any pain or discomfort. Seek medical attention if the ill effects persist. |

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|  |   |   |   |    | Share the load with others as required.<br><br>If too heavy to handle, leave the object in place and report to Balfour Beatty.  |   |   |   |   |
| Asbestos and miscellaneous chemicals                 | Various effects on human health depending upon condition                                | 2 | 4 | 8  | Any suspicious drums, materials or containers with contents not identifiable to be left untouched and reported to Balfour Beatty  | 1 | 4 | 4 | Seek medical attention if exposed pesticides, insecticides or other hazardous chemicals. Record any label details.  |
| Handling bodily fluids - faeces, vomit, condoms etc. | Biohazard effects on human health   | 3 | 4 | 12 | Avoid contact with bodily fluids.<br><br>Wear gloves and use the litter grabbers to pick litter.<br><br>Ensure any re-existing wounds are protected by waterproof plasters prior to commencement of the exercise. | 1 | 4 | 4 | Wash hands immediately after contact if any contact.<br><br>Avoid touch eyes or mouth.  |
| Animals – Domestic, wild and farm                    | Bites and scratches, trampling by larger animals, Lymes Disease carried by animal ticks | 2 | 3 | 6  | Avoid contact with animals and animal faeces.<br><br>Wear appropriate clothing including gloves.<br><br>Ensure any re-existing wounds are protected by waterproof plasters prior to commencement of the exercise. | 1 | 3 | 3 | Seek medical attention in the event of injury including after being bitten or scratched.<br><br>Wash hands immediately after contact with faeces.<br><br>Avoid touch eyes or mouth. |

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| Dog faeces   | Toxocara Canis   | 2 | 3 | 6  | <p>Do not touch dog faeces.</p> <p>Only consider moving dog faeces from pavements. Always wear gloves to do so and use a shovel.</p> <p>Ensure any re-existing wounds are protected by waterproof plasters prior to commencement of the exercise.</p> | 1 | 3 | 3 | <p>After contact thoroughly wash your hands.</p> <p>Thoroughly wash any cuts or abrasions as soon as possible, however minor.</p> <p>Seek medical attention where appropriate.</p> |
| Waterside diseases within culverts, ditches and watercourses | Such as Weils Disease                                  | 2 | 3 | 6  | <p>Do not touch dead animals.</p> <p>Avoid getting hands wet from any culvert, ditch or watercourse.</p> <p>Ensure any re-existing wounds are protected by waterproof plasters.</p>   | 1 | 3 | 3 | <p>Seek medical attention where appropriate.</p> <p>Thoroughly wash any cuts or abrasions as soon as possible, however minor.</p>  |
| Water, Marshes, bogs   | Hypothermia, drowning                                  | 2 | 5 | 10 | <p>Do not step into water.</p> <p>Avoid banks especially if they appear unstable.</p> <p>Always work in pairs.</p>  | 1 | 2 | 3 | <p>Seek medical attention where appropriate.</p>   |
| Electric fences  | Electrocution  | 2 | 2 | 4  | <p>Be aware of the possibility of electric fences.</p> <p>Always assume electric fences are live. Do not touch.</p>   | 1 | 2 | 2 | <p>Seek medical attention where appropriate.</p>   |
| Hedges, fences, walls, ditches                               | Slips and falls - Sprains, muscle damage, broken bones | 2 | 3 | 6  | <p>Avoid climbing walls, ditches and fences and take care if climbing stiles particularly in bad weather.</p>   | 1 | 3 | 3 | <p>Seek medical attention where appropriate.</p>   |

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|                     |                                   |   |   |   | Stay within the designated litter pick area.  |   |   |   |   |
| Trees and shrubs    | Trips, cuts and eye pokes         | 3 | 2 | 6 | Be aware of the risks and keep a lookout for hazards.<br><br>Be aware of low hanging branches and exposed tree roots.   | 1 | 2 | 2 | Seek medical attention where appropriate. |
| Tools and Equipment | Improper use may result in injury | 2 | 2 | 4 | Team to be shown how to use equipment.<br><br>Full rubbish sacks should be handled using the top of the sack to avoid any objects piecing through the plastic and causing injury. | 1 | 2 | 2 | Seek medical attention where appropriate. |

\*'Inherent' = risk scores before any control measures are implemented. \*\* 'Residual' = risk scores if the control measures are implemented

| RISK MARRIX |          | Impact/Severity |         |            |         |                |
|-------------|----------|-----------------|---------|------------|---------|----------------|
| Likelihood  |          | 1 Insignificant | 2 Minor | 3 Moderate | 4 Major | 5 Catastrophic |
| 5           | Certain  | 5               | 10      | 15         | 20      | 25             |
| 4           | Likely   | 4               | 8       | 12         | 16      | 20             |
| 3           | Possible | 3               | 6       | 9          | 12      | 15             |
| 2           | Unlikely | 2               | 4       | 6          | 8       | 10             |
| 1           | Rare     | 1               | 2       | 3          | 4       | 5              |

Risk Rating: Low Risk 1 to 3, Moderate Risk 4 to 6, High Risk 8 to 12, Extreme Risk 15 to 25

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| <b>Safety Tools/devices to be used</b>                                  |
| Hi- Vis jackets   |
| Sturdy shoes  |
| Clothing to cover arms and legs   |
| First Aid kit   |
| Marker peg for needle and sharp finds, or any other hazard left in situ |
| Litter grabbers   |
| Plastic bags  |
| Mobile phones   |
| Roadside warning signs  |
| Safety Vehicle  |

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| <b>Specific Advice to Participants</b>                     |
| Read and understand the risk assessment                    |
| Attend the Safety Talk at the start of the event           |
| Wear sturdy boots or shoes, trousers and a long sleeve top |
| Dress appropriately for the prevailing weather conditions  |



Use the equipment provided including Hi Vis jackets, gloves and litter grabbers

Understand how to use the equipment

Stay aware of hazards at all times especially approaching traffic

Warn others of danger

Cover pre-existing wounds

Avoid using hands to pick up items

Be aware of personal physical limitations when handling larger items

Note the location of large or hazardous material so a report can be given to Balfour Beatty for removal

Seek medical attention where appropriate.

Thoroughly wash any cuts or abrasions as soon as possible, however minor

Follow safety advice provided

### **Role of Event Organisers**

Ensure survey the area in advance to spot any specific hazards

Ensure all participants and provided with safety equipment and understand how to use it

Ensure participants and wearing appropriate clothing and shoes

Ensure a safety talk is undertaken

Ensure warning signs are appropriately placed at all times

Ensure safety vehicle remains in proximity of the participants

Ensure access to a first aid kit

Take appropriate measures during the course of the activity to maintain safety e.g. determining an area is unsafe or removing pickers to traffic management duties

Suspend the activity in adverse weather conditions or if the activity proves too dangerous e.g. due to traffic.

Provide a mechanism to seek medical attention e.g. mobile phones

Provide a mechanism to take any injured person to hospital is necessary

Be able to maintain contact with teams if the group is split up to cover different areas

Ensure any hazards identified are marked and subsequently reported to Balfour Beatty for removal