

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

RISK ASSESSMENT

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Directorate:	Places & Organisational Capacity	Section:	Public Rights of Way	Name of Assessor Mike Taylor	Signature <i>Mike Taylor</i>	Date 03.07.2015
Assessment of risk for:		Volunteer Vegetation Cutting				
No.	Potential Hazard	Groups of People at Risk	Existing Control Measures	Risk Priority	Additional Controls Required to Minimise Risk	
1	Violence – including physical force, verbal abuse, threatening gestures and harassment/aggression	Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volunteers to carry their own mobile phones at all times - Volunteers required not to undertake large work tasks alone - Volunteers to carry copies of letter of authorisation from CEC - Volunteers required to withdraw politely from conflict situations and inform the PROW Team 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volunteers required to withdraw from situations which they are unsure about and contact the PROW Team - Volunteers to leave details of whereabouts with suitable person, together with expected time of return and what to do if they do not return by that time 	
2	Accident or injury; trips or falls across rough terrain	Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers required to provide their own PPE for rough terrain (e.g. walking boots) - Volunteers to carry their own mobile phones - Volunteers responsible for providing and carrying own first aid kits 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volunteers must record and report all near misses and accidents to the PROW team. - Volunteers to leave details of whereabouts with suitable person, together with expected time of return and what to do if they do not return by that time 	

3	Attack by animals (e.g. cows, dogs)	Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volunteers advised not to make lone visits - Volunteers to carry their own mobile phones - Volunteers advised to take recommended action if approached by livestock when walking with a dog 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Volunteers required to withdraw from situations which they are unsure about and contact the PROW Team - Volunteers to leave details of whereabouts with suitable person, together with expected time of return and what to do if they do not return by that time
4	Accident or injury; cuts and scratches	Volunteers Path users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volunteers advised to wear gloves and long-sleeved tops whilst working - Volunteers responsible for providing and carrying own first aid kits - Volunteers responsible for providing own tools¹, ensuring they are in a fit condition, and ensuring group understands how to use them correctly - Cut material should not be left lying in middle of path – volunteers should have a plan for disposal of cut materials 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volunteers must record and report all near misses and accidents to the PROW team - Volunteers to leave details of whereabouts with suitable person, together with expected time of return and what to do if they do not return by that time
5	Accident or injury; RTA	Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volunteers to ensure road worthiness of vehicles used for activities ahead of visit - Volunteers to park vehicles legally and safely - Volunteers to carry their own mobile phones - Volunteers not to work on the roadside, but report issue to PROW office 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volunteers not to undertake work in extreme weather conditions - Volunteers to leave details of whereabouts with suitable person, together with expected time of return and what to do if they do not return by that time

¹ Hand tools only

6	Accident or injury; digestive problems	Livestock	- Cut material should not be left lying in middle of path – volunteers should have a plan for disposal of large volumes of cut materials - If cut material is left at edges of path, volunteers should ensure livestock cannot reach it and eat it (even if no stock currently present) as some vegetation is poisonous to livestock	Low	n/a
7	Accident or injury; electrocution	Volunteers	- Volunteers not to cut vegetation close to electrified fences	Low	n/a

Risk Priority:	High: Accident likely with possibility of serious injury or loss Medium: Possibility of accident occurring causing minor injury or loss Low: Accident unlikely with control measures in place
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Assessment of risk for:		Volunteer Vegetation Cutting				

No.	Potential Hazard	Action to be Taken	By Whom	Target Completion Date	Action Completed (Signed & Dated)
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Assessment Review Date:	3 rd July 2016
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