

FLITTON AND GREENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL RISK ASSESSMENT (April 2022)

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
Before starting a litter pick, ensure you • 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

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	
Toxcar 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
Use of volunteers on Litter Pick days	Guidance to be given on the day in accordance with any national guidelines	L	Volunteers and Lead Cllr/Clerk
On Completion of the Litter Pick Ensure: ☑ 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.			