

## Fontmell Magna Parish Council – Risk Assessment for Community Litter Picking 2019

This form should be completed by the lead volunteer before the start of any litter pick. Litter picks are generally very safe and it is unlikely that you will encounter any serious hazards or incidents – you will see that the points below are just common sense and are worth considering to ensure your event runs as smoothly and safely as possible.

As the organiser of the litter pick you should ensure that all volunteers know the risks and understand the control measures before clearing any litter. It is sensible to address all volunteers and introduce yourself as the lead volunteer/organiser, so they know who to go to with questions/to report an incident. You should also check that all volunteers know what equipment they must use and what area they may clean up. Also advise that a copy of the risk assessment is available on request.

Name	Date	Phone	Location of Clean Up
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### Before starting the organiser will offer all volunteers:

- The Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – eg Thick gloves, hi-viz vest, provided by DWM
- The correct equipment – eg Litter grabbers, plastic bags, container for needles, dog waste bags, check everyone knows how to use the equipment they have selected.

### Organiser to consider and advise volunteers of

- Any known and relevant 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 etc.

### Organiser to:

- Know the work area and how to report incidents or hazardous or unidentified waste, where to get first aid, meet on completion, deposit bags of waste and mark bags containing sharp material eg broken glass.

Use the table below to score the risks in the **Risk Assessment Table**.

Likelihood (a)		Severity (b)		Magnitude = a x b
Certain	5	Fatality	6	2 x 3 = 6
Probable	4	Serious Disablement	5	le <b>LOW RISK</b>
Even Chance	3	Sprain, Major Cuts/Bruises	4	High Risk = 21 to 30
Possible	2	Minor Cut/Strain	3	Medium Risk = 11 to 20
Unlikely	1	Minor Bruises/Grazes	2	Low Risk = 2 to 10

## Risk Assessment Table

HAZARD	RISK	CONTROLS	MEASURES TO REDUCE EFFECT IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENT	Score	Risk
<b>Broken glass, sharp/rusty edges</b>	Cuts & infections	Advise volunteers to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use appropriate equipment and clothing.</li> <li>Use litter grabbers to pick up sharp litter.</li> <li>All participants advised regarding up to date tetanus protection.</li> </ul>	Seek medical attention where appropriate. Thoroughly wash any cuts or abrasions as soon as possible, however minor.	<b>8</b>	<b>LOW</b>
<b>Needles</b>	Cuts & infections	Advise volunteers to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leave alone &amp; report to event organiser to dispose of in sharps container using litter grabber, or report to council for removal.</li> </ul>	Seek medical attention where appropriate.	<b>6</b>	<b>LOW</b>
<b>Heavy/awkward to handle rubbish</b>	Pulled muscles & strains	Advise volunteers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If too heavy to handle leave the object in place and report it to the organiser to arrange removal by the council.</li> </ul>	Stop immediately if suffering any pain or discomfort. Seek medical attention if the ill effects persist.	<b>8</b>	<b>Low</b>
<b>Batteries, asbestos &amp; miscellaneous chemicals</b>	Potentially dangerous depending on condition	Advise volunteers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not to approach or remove any potentially hazardous waste.</li> <li>To report to the organiser who will contact Dorset Waste Partnership for disposal.</li> </ul>	Seek medical attention if exposed to pesticides, insecticides or other chemicals – record any label details.	<b>8</b>	<b>LOW</b>
<b>Ground conditions</b>	Sprains, muscle damage & broken bones.	Advise volunteers to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be aware of potentially difficult ground conditions</li> <li>Advise volunteers to wear suitable footwear.</li> </ul>	Thoroughly wash any cuts or abrasions as soon as possible, however minor. Seek medical attention for any serious cuts, bruises or strains.	<b>12</b>	<b>MED</b>
<b>Highways vehicles, bicycles, plant and machinery</b>	Collision with moving traffic.	Advise volunteers to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stay off the highway.</li> <li>Be alert to the potential presence of agricultural machinery.</li> <li>Wear high visibility clothing if necessary.</li> <li>Do not work on the main road</li> <li>Be aware of the vehicles around you during the litter pick.</li> </ul>	Seek medical attention in the event of injury.	<b>12</b>	<b>MED</b>
<b>People, lone working</b>	Physical or verbal assault	Advise volunteers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be aware of aggressive and difficult people.</li> <li>Withdraw rather than face conflict.</li> </ul>	Seek medical attention following any assault / injury.		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organiser/section leader to have mobile phone.</li> <li>Stay off private property.</li> </ul>		<b>6</b>	<b>LOW</b>
<b>Animals – Domestic, wild &amp; farm</b>	Lymes Disease carried by animal ticks & bites/scratches from animals	<p>Advise volunteers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beware of loose dogs.</li> <li>Avoid contact with animals.</li> </ul>	Seek medical attention as soon as possible after being bitten or scratched. Wash hands immediately after contact with faeces. Avoid touching eyes or mouth.	<b>10</b>	<b>LOW</b>
<b>Waterside diseases</b>	Weil's disease from rat's urine	<p>Advise volunteers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not to work on the stream banks</li> </ul>	Seek medical attention where appropriate. Thoroughly wash any cuts or abrasions as soon as possible, however minor	<b>8</b>	<b>LOW</b>
<b>Dog faeces</b>	Toxocara canis	<p>Advise volunteers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not touch dog faeces without protective equipment</li> </ul>	Thoroughly wash your hands. Thoroughly wash any cuts or abrasions as soon as possible, however minor. Seek medical attention where appropriate.	<b>16</b>	<b>MED</b>
<b>Weather e.g. Thunder storms</b>	Various health issues	<p>Advise volunteers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dress for conditions</li> <li>In the event of extreme weather conditions the litter pick should be postponed or abandoned</li> </ul>	Seek medical attention where appropriate.	<b>12</b>	<b>MED</b>
<b>Cliffs and, steep slopes</b>	Falls leading to sprains, muscle damage & broken bones.	<p>Advise volunteers to stay away from these areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Steep slopes</li> <li>Stream banks</li> </ul>	Seek medical attention where appropriate.	<b>4</b>	<b>LOW</b>
<b>Electric fences</b>	Mild/medium shock	<p>Advise volunteers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To always assume electric fences are live.</li> <li>Not to touch electric fences</li> </ul>	Seek medical attention where appropriate.	<b>8</b>	<b>LOW</b>
<b>Water, marshes, bogs</b>	Hypothermia, drowning.	<p>Advise volunteers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not to work close to stream banks.</li> </ul>	Seek medical attention where appropriate.	<b>8</b>	<b>LOW</b>
<b>Hedges, fences, walls, ditches</b>	Slips and falls	<p>Advise volunteers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Avoid climbing walls, ditches and fences.</li> </ul>	Seek medical attention where appropriate.		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stay within the nominated location.</li> </ul>		<b>12</b>	<b>MED</b>
<b>Tools, equipment</b>	Minor injury from inappropriate use of equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Team to be shown how to use equipment if appropriate.</li> <li>Allow sufficient working area for the correct and safe use of the tool.</li> <li>Use appropriate protection</li> <li>Have first aid kit available.</li> <li>Volunteers must use the equipment provided and as instructed.</li> </ul>	Obtain medical attention in the event of injury.	<b>8</b>	<b>LOW</b>
<b>Trees, shrubs</b>	Trips, cuts & eye pokes	<p>Advise volunteers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be alert to the risks and keep a look out for natural hazards.</li> </ul>	Obtain medical attention in the event of injury.	<b>15</b>	<b>MED</b>
<b>Irritants, dangerous plants</b>	Poisoning, skin irritations or allergic reactions	<p>Advise volunteers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wear the gloves provided.</li> <li>Beware of dangerous plants and possible adverse reactions.</li> <li>Wash thoroughly on completion of such operations.</li> </ul>	Seek medical attention for unusual or suspicious symptoms after contact with vegetation.	<b>12</b>	<b>MED</b>

### On Completion of the Litter Pick:

- Advise all volunteers to wash their hands and forearms 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.
- Advise volunteers to carry out a personal inspection for cuts etc.
- Check as far as possible that 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, have been marked using the spray can.