

# Community Caretaker Risk Assessment - 31 March 2023 to 1 April 2024

<b>Title of Risk Assessment:</b>		Community Caretaker risk assessment – to be used in conjunction with safe system of work		<b>This risk assessment is generic:</b> It is recommended that this Risk Assessment is reviewed by a competent person at the start of the task or activity.  Any tasks or activities outside the scope of this risk assessment will require a task or site specific assessment to be conducted prior to work being undertaken. The Line Manager / Supervisor is responsible for this.				
<b>Workplace / Location:</b>		Various locations in Haughley Parish						
<b>List task/s or activities:</b>		Litter picking		<b>Key for who could be harmed:</b>		<b>AP</b> = Apprentices, <b>AW</b> = Agency Workers, <b>C</b> = Contractors, <b>E</b> = Employees, <b>EM</b> = Elected Members, <b>P</b> = Public, <b>V</b> = Visitors, <b>VO</b> = Volunteers, <b>YP</b> = Young Persons		
				<b>Date of risk assessment:</b>				
				<b>Review date:</b>				
				<b>Name and job title/s of risk assessor/s:</b>				
Hazards	Who could be harmed?	How could they be harmed?	Inherent Risk Score		Control measures in place to avoid / reduce risk	Residual Risk Score		Control measures adequate? Y/N. If No, state action needed, by who & by when
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Vehicles/visibility (of litter pickers to road users)	E/P/VO	Collision with vehicle	8		- Collect litter only from verge sides and pavements using a litter pick stick - use signs wherever possible - where there are no paths only litter pick towards the traffic keeping on the verge side - do not litter pick on road bends or where there is no pavement, - wear hi-vis waistcoat or alternative hi-vis clothing at all times, - only collect litter in day light hours and with good visibility - Weather conditions to be taken into consideration as this can reduce visibility for the picker and drivers visibility	4		
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			6		- Litter picker should not attempt to collect syringes, sharps or any substance/item you suspect might be	3		

Syringes (sharps) and/or drug paraphernalia/asbestos	E/P/VO	Wounded by sharp implement or potential contamination	2	3	asbestos in any circumstances -litter picker to familiarise themselves with what drug paraphernalia and asbestos looks like by referring to the safe system of work; locations of drug paraphernalia/asbestos should be passed to public realm for removal <a href="mailto:public.realm@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk">public.realm@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk</a>  In the event of an accidental puncture wound from a syringe or suspected syringe * Don't suck the wound * Squeeze it to make it bleed * Rinse it and dress it * Go to accident and emergency immediately (within 2 hours if possible)	1	3
Unidentified chemicals/ liquids in containers	E/P/VO	Bottles could leak and break open when picked up causing the liquid within to come into contact with skin	6		-Litter pickers should pinpoint location of any items which should be passed to public realm for removal <a href="mailto:public.realm@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk">public.realm@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk</a>	3	
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Dead animals	E/P/VO	Contamination from rotting corpse	6		-Litter pickers should pinpoint location of any dead animals and these should be passed to public realm for removal <a href="mailto:public.realm@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk">public.realm@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk</a>	3	
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Soiled clothing and broken glass	E/P/VO	Contamination or cuts	6		-Items should not be handled; litter pick sticks or brush and shovel should be used for every removal -litter pickers should observe personal hygiene, before litter picking and before eating, drinking or smoking by washing hands or using wipes	4	
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Exposure to weather extremes	E/P/VO	Sunburn or hypothermia	6		-Do not pick in extreme cold or extreme hot weather. --Wear a hat in cold weather for warmth and in hot weather to prevent heat stroke. -Cover exposed skin to prevent sunburn -wear suitable clothing: waterproof in wet weather and light weight clothing in warm weather -have ready access to hot/cold drinks	4	
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Uneven ground	E/P/VO	Slips trips and falls	6		-Do not step into long grass/overgrown vegetation where pot-holes rabbit burrow or unseen obstacles may not be visible -wear suitable footwear for litter picking activities; well fitting and flat	4	
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Inspect stings/bites	E/P/VO	Stings/bites	6		-Do not disturb insect nests, those litter pickers who have an allergy should inform their employer so that it can be decided if they can safely litter pick	2	
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Lone working	E/P/VO	Problem occurring when working alone	4		-All litter pickers to carry a mobile phone for emergency purposes and a suitable lone working plan be agreed with the employer	2	
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Manual handling	E/P/VO	Back/liaing issues	6		-Litter Picking should be restricted to light weight items such as bottles, wrappers etc. -Do not lift any item if it cannot easily be done so using the Litter pickstick -do not attempt to lift heavy objects -do not over fill bags	4	
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Lack of Awareness of Risks and safety training	E/P/VO	Any number	12		-Safe system of work notes and risk assessment to be shared with all litter pickers along with any other training required -Litter pickers should sign to say they have read and understood both this risk assessment and safe system of work.	4	
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<b>To be completed by the line manager or another responsible person</b>	<b>I confirm I have provided a copy of this risk assessment to the person named below.</b>	
	<b>Signed:</b>	
	<b>Print Name:</b>	
	<b>Date:</b>	
<b>To be completed by the person receiving this risk assessment</b>	<b>I confirm I have been provided with a copy of this risk assessment and understand the content.</b>	
	<b>Signed:</b>	
	<b>Print Name:</b>	
	<b>Date:</b>	