

Community Caretaker Risk Assessment - 31 March 2024 to 1 April 2025

Title of Risk Assessment:		Community Caretaker risk assessment – to be used in conjunction with safe system of work		This risk assessment is generic: 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.				
Workplace / Location:		Various locations in Haughley Parish						
List task/s or activities:		Litter picking		Key for who could be harmed:		AP = Apprentices, AW = Agency Workers, C = Contractors, E = Employees, EM = Elected Members, P = Public, V = Visitors, VO = Volunteers, YP = Young Persons		
				Date of risk assessment:				
				Review date:				
				Name and job title/s of risk assessor/s:				
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	<p>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 public.realm@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk</p> <p>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)</p>	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		<p>-Litter pickers should pinpoint location of any items which should be passed to public realm for removal public.realm@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk</p>	3	
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Dead animals	E/P/VO	Contamination from rotting corpse	6		<p>-Litter pickers should pinpoint location of any dead animals and these should be passed to public realm for removal public.realm@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk</p>	3	
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Soiled clothing and broken glass	E/P/VO	Contamination or cuts	6		<p>-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</p>	4	
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Exposure to weather extremes	E/P/VO	Sunburn or hypothermia	6		<p>-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</p>	4	
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Uneven ground	E/P/VO	Slips trips and falls	6		<p>-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</p>	4	
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Inspect stings/bites	E/P/VO	Stings/bites	6		<p>-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</p>	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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To be completed by the line manager or another responsible person	I confirm I have provided a copy of this risk assessment to the person named below.	
	Signed:	
	Print Name:	
	Date:	
To be completed by the person receiving this risk assessment	I confirm I have been provided with a copy of this risk assessment and understand the content.	
	Signed:	
	Print Name:	
	Date:	