

Brimpton Litter Pick April 2018

Risk Assessment

No activity is completely without risk and all participants will be reminded they have a responsibility for their own well being and not to place themselves, or others, in harm's way by taking unnecessary risks.

The following risks have been identified:

Risk	High	Medium	Low	Mitigation
Passing vehicles and cyclists	X			Participants will be provided with heavy duty protective gloves, litter pickers and high visibility vests. Each group asked to ensure one person stands in a prominent position to warn on coming traffic. Children should not stand in the road at any time.
Broken glass, syringes, sharp objects		X		Participants will be advised not pick up sharp objects such as broken glass or needles, which should be reported to WBC Environmental Health Team on <u>01635 519192</u>
Hygiene and potential contact with biological hazards such as faeces and chemicals.		X		Participants will be advised not to attempt to touch or to clean up the area. Location should be noted and WBC Environmental Health Team informed on <u>01635 519192</u> . Participants advised to wear suitable outdoor clothing that does not expose bare areas of skin. Participants to wash hands and forearms before eating, drinking,
Heavy items		X		Participants advised not to attempt to pick up anything that cannot be placed in a sack, especially large, heavy or hazardous items. If they are on public land the item will be reported to West Berkshire Council at http://www.westberks.gov.uk/servicerequests or by calling Customer Services on <u>01635 519080</u>
Stinging insects, particularly				Participants warned not to reach into hedges and immediately to leave any area with obvious concentration of insects.

wasps and bees		X		
Cuts or scratches from brambles or other plants in hedges			X	Participants should wear gloves and use litter pickers which will be supplied to them. A First Aid kit will be available from the organiser.
Wildlife			X	Participants advised to be mindful of wildlife and to avoid disturbing animals and birds that may be nesting. There is no need to go into fields, particularly where animals are present.
Accident			X	All participants will be aware they are responsible for their own safety and must therefore take care. If there are children in the group, they must be supervised at all times. Participants should wear strong, sensible footwear with adequate grip. Participants advised to keep a mobile phone with them in case of emergency.

Disclaimer

Volunteers will be advised they should not participate in litter picks unless they understand and accept that participation is entirely at their own risk. Volunteers are not working for, or on behalf of Brimpton Parish Council and therefore the Council cannot be held liable for any loss, damage or injury caused as a result of the actions and omissions of volunteers.

John Hicks
 Chairman, Brimpton Parish Council
 April 2018