

13th March 2021 WEG Community Litter Pick RISK ASSESSMENT FORM

Describe the activity being assessed: 13 th March 2021 Community Litter Pick around Winterbourne, Winterbourne Down, Watleys End, Moorend, Hambrook, Kendleshire, Frenchay	Assessed by: P C Sykes	Endorsed by: Duncan Porter
Who might be harmed: Adults and Children How many exposed to risk: up to 50	Date of Assessment: 26/2/2021	Review date(s): As required for future Community Litter Picks

Hazards Identified <i>(state the potential harm)</i>	Existing Control Measures	S	L	Risk Level	Additional Control Measures	S	L	Risk Level	By whom	Date completed
Harm to children from hazardous ¹ litter (glass, needles, tin cans, sharp edges, unknown/hazardous contents in bottles/cans etc)	Children to be with their parents/carers. Parents/carers to warn their children about the hazards beforehand. Parents/carers to monitor the litter being collected by their children. Parents/carers to monitor the weight/bulk of children's litter sacks and ensure appropriate for each child.	3	2	6	Parents to prevent their children manually handling litter. Use of council-provided litter pickers. Parents/carers to make initial scan of the litter pick area for obvious hazards. Hazardous litter to be carried in adults' litter sacks. First aid kit held centrally by WEG organiser	2	1	2	P Sykes	26/2/2021
Harm to adults from hazardous litter (see above)	Adults not to manually handle litter until confident it is safe.	3	2	6	Use of council-provided litter pickers Use of council-provided gloves First aid kit held centrally by WEG organiser	2	1	2	P Sykes	26/2/2021
Harm from heavy or oversized litter	Heavy or oversized litter not to be collected; location to be noted and passed to the activity leader in order to inform S Glos Council.	3	1	3	Any heavy/oversized litter noticed beforehand to be briefed to pickers before starting.	2	1	2	P Sykes	26/2/2021
Harm from road traffic	All litter pickers to be vigilant near or in the roads. Parents/carers to monitor their children when near the roads.	5	2	10	Collecting of litter in the road is not to be undertaken if traffic is passing. Parents/carers briefed to be vigilant near the roads – children can easily become fixated on a piece of litter to collect.	4	1	4	P Sykes	26/2/2021

¹ Risks from cutting, fouling

					High vis vests to be worn when available					
Harm from plants or outdoor hazards	Adults to approach prickly/harmful plants with caution, and keep their children away when in the vicinity. Parents/carers to remain with and monitor their children	3	2	6	Use of council-provided gloves First aid kit held centrally by WEG organiser	2	1	2	P Sykes	26/2/2021
Harm to children from other pickers (abuse/ inappropriate behaviour) – safeguarding	Children to be with their parents/carers	3	1	3	Parents/Carers informed to stay with children.	1	1	1	P Sykes	26/2/2021
Harm from weather (cold, wet, sunstroke, dehydration etc)	Volunteers to dress appropriately and bring hot/cold drinks if needed. Parents/carers to ensure their children are dressed appropriately. Use of sunscreen when appropriate	3	2	6	Anyone suffering from the effects of the weather to stop the activity and make them selves safe. Informing the activity leader is secondary to looking after themselves.	2	1	2	P Sykes	26/2/2021
Materials left outside will harm the environment e.g. our litter	All materials to be collected and tidied after use.	1	2	2	Bags of rubbish to have their tops tied securely and be left in the place nominated by the activity leader, who will liase with S Glos Council for its collection as soon as possible.	1	2	2	P Sykes	26/2/2021
Exposure to Covid 19 at the start of the Litter Pick.	Hands Face Space Pickers to remain in housegold groups. Social distancing to be adhered to. Parents/carers to remind children of social distancing as appropriate for their age and understanding.	3	2	6	There will be no collective start to the Litter Pick. Bubbles to self-select their start time, to avoid others. Any picking equipment (pickers, gloves, bags, bag frames and high vis jackets) to be prebooked from WEG and delivered individually to household in advance, having been cleaned before delivery. Pickers to use (self-provided) face masks if concerned.	3	1	3		
Exposure to Covid 19 at the during the Litter Pick.	Hands Face Space Pickers to remain in housegold groups. Social distancing to be adhered to. Parents/carers to remind children of social distancing as appropriate for their age and understanding.	3	2	6	Litter pickers and gloves are to be used. Hands to be cleaned before/after the Litter Pick. Pickers to use (self-provided) face masks if concerned.	3	1	3		
Exposure to Covid 19 at the end of the Litter Pick.	Hands Face Space Pickers to remain in housegold groups. Social distancing to be adhered to.	3	2	6	There will be no collective end to the Litter Pick. Bubbles to self-select their end time, to avoid others.	3	1	3		

	<p>Parents/carers to remind children of social distancing as appropriate for their age and understanding.</p>			<p>Pickers to use (self-provided) face masks if concerned. Any picking equipment (pickers, gloves, bags, bag frames and high vis jackets) to be returned to WEG at a time/location to be given individually. WEG to ensure equipment is cleaned before storage or subsequent use.</p>					
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RISK MATRIX: (To generate the risk level).

Very likely 5	5	10	15	20	25
Likely 4	4	8	12	16	20
Possible 3	3	6	9	12	15
Unlikely 2	2	4	6	8	10
Extremely unlikely 1	1	2	3	4	5
Likelihood (L) ↑ Severity (S) →	Minor injury – No first aid treatment required 1	Minor injury – Requires First Aid Treatment 2	Injury - requires GP treatment or Hospital attendance 3	Major Injury 4	Fatality 5

ACTION LEVEL: (To identify what action needs to be taken).

POINTS:	RISK LEVEL:	ACTION:
1 – 2	NEGLIGIBLE	No further action is necessary.
3 – 5	TOLERABLE	Where possible, reduce the risk further
6 - 12	MODERATE	Additional control measures are required
15 – 16	HIGH	Immediate action is necessary
20 - 25	INTOLERABLE	Stop the activity/ do not start the activity