**15th May 2021 WEG Community Litter Pick**

**RISK ASSESSMENT FORM**

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| **Describe the activity being assessed:**  15th March 2021 Community Litter Pick around Winterbourne, Winterbourne Down, Watleys End, Moorend, Hambrook, Kendleshire, Frenchay | **Assessed by:**  P C Sykes | **Endorsed by:** |
| **Who might be harmed:** Adults and Children  **How many exposed to risk:** up to 50 | **Date of Assessment:**  13/5/2021 | **Review date(s):** As required for future Community Litter Picks |

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| **Hazards Identified**  ***(state the potential harm)*** | **Existing Control Measures** | **S** | **L** | **Risk**  **Level** | **Additional Control Measures** | **S** | **L** | **Risk Level** | **By whom** | **Date completed** |
| Harm to children from hazardous[[1]](#footnote-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 from syringes | **Do not touch syringes**. See information around reporting syringes and dealing with injury from a needle (advice from South Glos Council). | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  | P Sykes | 13/5/2021 |
| 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  First aid kit held centrally by WEG organiser | 2 | 1 | 2 | P Sykes | 26/2/2021 |
| Harm from objects inside bags to person carrying the bag (object e.g. glass, splits the bag) – litter picking personnel | Children not to carry litter bags unless parent/carer is completely sure of the safety of the contents. | 3 | 1 | 3 | Person carrying bag to have robust legwear.  Person carrying the bag to know what it contains. | 2 | 1 | 2 | P Sykes | 23/3/2021 |
| Harm from objects inside bags to person carrying the bag (object e.g. glass, splits the bag) – bag collectors and litter sorters | Children not to carry litter bags during bag collection and litter sorting activities. | 3 | 2 | 6 | Bag collectors and litter sorters are to minimise distance the bags are carried, and ensure all bags are treated at containing dangerous litter. | 3 | 1 | 3 | P Sykes | 23/3/2021 |
| 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.  High vis vests to be worn when available | 4 | 1 | 4 | P Sykes | 26/2/2021 |
| Harm from plants or outdoor hazards | Adults to approach prickly/harmful plants with caution, and keep their children away when in the vicinity. | 3 | 2 | 6 | Parents/carers to remain with and monitor their children  First aid kit held centrally by WEG organiser | 2 | 1 | 2 | P Sykes | 26/2/2021 |
| Harm from running water (Frome River) including risk of drowning | If litter picking near Frome River be aware of the risk of tripping/falling into the water. Parents/carers to keep their children away from running water. | 3 | 2 | 6 | Retrieval of litter in the water is only to be undertaken if it can be safely retrieved from the bank. | 3 | 1 | 3 | P Sykes | 13/5/2021 |
| Harm to children from other pickers (abuse/ inappropriate behaviour) – safeguarding | Children to be with their parents/carers.  Parents/carers reminded to keep their children with them. | 3 | 1 | 3 |  | 3 | 1 | 3 | P Sykes | 23/3/2021 |
| 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. collected 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 | P Sykes | 23/3/2021 |
| 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 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 | P Sykes | 23/3/2021 |
| 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.  Parents/carers to remind children of social distancing as appropriate for their age and understanding. | 3 | 2 | 6 | There will be no collective end to the Litter Pick.  Bubbles to self-select their end time, to avoid others.  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. | 3 | 1 | 3 | P Sykes | 23/3/2021 |
| Exposure to Covid 19 at the litter sorting site | Hands Face Space  Sorting site to be outdoors with free-flowing air, and sufficient space for sorters to remain separated.  Hand cleanser will be available; sorters to use it. | 3 | 3 | 9 | Sorters to use (self-provided) face masks if concerned.  Sorters to maintain sufficient distance between each other.  Hand cleanser will be available at the sort site; sorters are to use it.  Sorters will not share pickers | 3 | 1 | 3 | P Sykes | 23/3/2021 |
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Syringes

If a syringe is found please call 01454 868000 as soon as possible.

During normal office hours ask for Streetcare.

Outside office hours ask for the Highways out of hours team

Give details of:

* Where the item(s) has been found and how many there are.
* Your contact details (in case the object can not be found)

Do not touch the item

Do not put it in a litter bin

Do not flush it down a toilet.

Injury from a Syringe

If you sustain an injury from a needle:

* Encourage the wound to bleed, ideally by holding it under running water
* Wash the wound using running water and pkenty of soap
* Don’t scrub the wound while you are washing it
* Don’t suck the wound
* Dry the wound and cover it with a waterproof plaster or dressing
* Contact your GP surgery, walk-in centre or local A&E dept.

R**ISK MATRIX: (To generate the risk level).**

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| **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).**

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| **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 |

1. Risks from cutting, fouling [↑](#footnote-ref-1)