

RISK ASSESSMENT FOR STOCKBRIDGE MEADOWS

Assessors Name(s): Maureen Brierley		Stockbridge Meadow Volunteers Leader	Assessment Date: September 2020	Review Date: March 2021				
Site / Area: Stockbridge Meadows, off Dolphin Lane, Melbourn Post Code: SG8 6FG		Location: Melbourn	Identify People at Risk: Volunteers in group Members of public walking through reserve.					
Details of operation or work activity undertaken: Raking of and removal of debris from Wildflower Meadow at Stockbridge Meadows, Nature reserve by Stockbridge Meadows Volunteer group/Johnson Matthey Volunteers on Friday 25th September 2020								
Risk	Initial Risk			Controls / Safeguards / Precautions	Residual Risk			Initial once implemented
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coronavirus Pandemic Covid-19 exposure 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Volunteer should be attending the working party if feeling unwell, particularly if they have a high fever, new persistent cough or loss of smell or taste. They should inform Johnson Matthey of non-attendance who will inform local Working party leader. • Social distancing to be adhered to, where possible a distance of 2metres should be maintained between members of the working party. If not possible then 1 metre with the fact that this is an outdoor activity being the mitigating factor. • Volunteers must work in groups of no more than six, this also applies to socialising when taking any breaks • Masks to be worn at volunteer's discretion. • All volunteers to wear gloves at all times when using tools and other equipment. • All volunteers to clean their hands using antiseptic wipes on completion of the task. • Tools will be sanitised prior to use and should not be shared between volunteers without being sanitised with wipes first. • Drinks, snacks etc should be for the individual volunteers use only. 				
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact details must be provided in case of a group member testing positive to Covid-19 following the group activity. This will only be used for Track and Trace purposes and will be destroyed following the current time frame outlined in the Government Coronavirus guidance. • No toilet facilities available on site use of The Dolphin pub facilities to be arranged by the volunteers if they feel it is necessary. • Lunch arrangements at the same pub will need to be organised by one of the volunteer members. 				

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illness through contact with water e.g. through exposure to sewage pollution and Leptospirosis (Weil's disease) • Aware of possible dog faeces on site and possibility of contamination to volunteer 	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All volunteers to clean their hands using antiseptic wipes straight after the activity finishes • All to wear protective gloves • All to cover any existing open cuts / wounds • All wounds to be cleaned and dressed promptly • All to wear sturdy footwear 	1	3	3	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Injury; cuts and grazes. 	2	2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All volunteers must wear protective gloves and use litter pickers to collect any rubbish found while working. Volunteers must not scoop up items blindly with their hands • All volunteers to leave any broken glass alone for one designated volunteer to collect and put into the bucket separate from the other litter. • A trained first aider should be on site, carrying a first aid waist bag • Each team leader to carry a first aid waist bag • All volunteers are to wear sturdy footwear 	1	2	2	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuts and possible infection through contact with Sharps and Syringes 	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers finding syringes should not touch them, but immediately notify the Group Leader who will arrange disposal by the Council. • Any accidental piercing by syringe should be immediately be treated at medical practice/ A and E 	1	3	3	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Injury through lifting heavy items 	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise volunteers to be careful when lifting and to ask for assistance if item heavy and/or bulky Ensure volunteers are aware to keep good footing 	2	2	4	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Injury through use of Scythes, saws, rakes and other equipment required for identified tasks. 	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All volunteers to be present for equipment safety briefing. Volunteers shown safe use of equipment. Volunteers to be aware of other people working with them and ensure safe distance in working areas. First aid kit and information regarding nearest hospital with A&E available on site. Mobile phone access checked and fully charged mobile available. 	1	3	3	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers not knowing safety procedures 	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All volunteers should be present at the Safety check prior to working. All volunteers should be asked to sign the register and the Risk Assessment following Safety talk. 	1	3	3	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working in Public access site 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers should be aware that Stockbridge Meadows is an open access site for public. Walkways and footpaths should be kept clear. All tools and other equipment should be safely stored away from footpaths 				