

This risk assessment relates only to the *generic* features of a common activity; it does not cover those *specific* to a location or group. It therefore must not be used without completing the local review, making additions as necessary to take account of local circumstances. However, such a local review need not be timeconsuming. Use the box at the bottom to create the local review, or add extra pages as necessary.

ACTIVITY ASSESSED		ASSESSOR	ASSESSMENT DATE
17. CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATH FURNITURE		STEPHEN BOLSOVER	11 th May 2016
HAZARD potential for harm	RISK LEVEL	PRECAUTIONS to remove hazard or reduce risk level. One precaution may tackle several hazards.	
Danger to public on worksite or footpath	L	If appropriate place hazard warning signs/tape to warn public or prohibit access. Beware of creating a slipping/tripping hazard through piles of stored stone: sign or flag these as necessary.	
Manual handling	L	Have materials/tools delivered to site, or as close to site as possible. Use wheelbarrows to transport materials/tools. Use tool bags to carry small tools. Plan in advance any unavoidable lifting/carrying of heavy items.	
Treated timber, wood preservative and other hazardous substances	L	Use pre-treated timber whenever possible. Follow instructions supplied with materials: this may require, during drilling or sawing, the operator to wear gloves and may require the operator and those nearby to wear respiratory marks. Do not burn treated waste but plan safe disposal. If timber must be treated, follow full COSHH procedures. Wear gloves when handling timber.	
Infection and skin disease	M	Wear gloves when handling rough or treated timber. All participants should have had anti-tetanus injections. (A full course lasts ten years. Ask who has not had injections and stress importance of getting these, particularly if the skin is broken or cut.) Treat all cuts etc., immediately with antiseptic and cover adequately.	
Debris hazards	L	Collect nails, wood chippings, etc., (do not leave any materials or debris lying around which could be a danger to humans and livestock). Do not leave holes dug out and not refilled, but cover with a large block of piece of wood.	
Underground services: electricity and gas	H	Wardens should be aware of the location of any underground services on their sites. If any digging or other ground penetration is planned near the services then Harrow Council and the relevant utility companies must be consulted. The meaning of "near" in this context depends on how accurately the position of the utility is known: if its position is known precisely, then any ground more than 20m away can be considered distant. However, if there is a greater degree of uncertainty, then the region considered to be near the utility increases accordingly.	
Injury to the public or to participants from site materials or from the work	L	Warn in initial an initial safety talk of the site's inherent hazards and those created by the work. Monitor the work continually. Wear gloves to handle materials and maintain safe working distances. Display hazard signs if appropriate. Ensure materials/waste are stored or disposed of safely, presenting no unseen or unavoidable hazards. Check that site is safe and/or access is restricted before leaving it, even if only temporarily.	
Working at height	L	Use hard hats, prevent overcrowding and use scaffolding erected by trained, competent personnel.	
Use of concrete	L	If using wet concrete or dry cement -as for any hazardous substance - full COSHH procedures to be followed.	
Power tools and equipment	L	Power tools/equipment likely to be used in this activity include drills and cement mixers. If electric, they should be on batteries or on a 110 volt transformer, centre-tapped to earth. If 240 volt operation unavoidable, an RCD (this is not a fuse but a device to stop current leaking to earth through your body) must be used. No power tool to be used by those not trained in its safe use.	
RISKS AND PRECAUTIONS SPECIFIC TO THE SITE OR DAY			
ASSESSOR			
ASSESSMENT DATE			
APPLICABLE DATES (This is likely either to be one specific day, or "until further notice".)			

Risk level: L = Low, M = Medium, H = High