

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
18. FOOTPATH DRAINAGE	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.
Manual handling, lifting and back strain	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. Consider use of machinery. Instruct in safe lifting, carrying, digging and work techniques using arms/legs not back to exert force. Don't rush and take regular breaks. Monitor activity and state of participants to prevent individuals being in prolonged single activity ie digging, lifting etc or getting dangerously tired.
Tetanus	M	This disease may not be very common but can have severe effects, in rarer cases death. If earth gets into cuts, open wounds or sores tetanus can be contracted. All participants should have had anti-tetanus injections. (A full course lasts 10 years. Ask if any of the team have not had injections and stress importance of getting these, particularly if the skin is broken/cut.). Clean all cuts etc., immediately with clean water or a wet wipe and cover adequately.
Leptospirosis	M	This disease may not be very common but can have severe effects, in rarer cases death. If water contaminated with rats or cows urine gets into cuts, open wounds or sores the Weills or Hardjo varieties of Leptospirosis can result. All workers in areas likely to be soiled by rat/cow urine, eg. urban stream banks/ farms should avoid water contact and wash thoroughly as soon as possible after visiting the site. They must not eat, drink or smoke until they have washed.
Underground services: electricity, gas and water	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.
Harards to and from traffic or public	H	Plan unloading and reloading of vehicle so people and materials/tools not facing and preferably well clear of passing traffic. If roadside unloading is unavoidable place cones or tape and signs as necessary to forewarn. Erect signs warning of work hazards/ preventing access on approaches to site. If necessary post a lookout able to halt work if signs might be ignored, eg. children nearby. Leave vehicle parked on site able to leave quickly in case of emergency.
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