

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. **SEE ACCOMPANYING SAFETY NOTES**

ACTIVITY ASSESSED	ASSESSOR	ASSESSMENT DATE
28. Litter clearance	Steve Bolsover	24 th March 2019
HAZARD potential for harm	RISK LEVEL	PRECAUTIONS to remove hazard or reduce risk level. One precaution may tackle several hazards.
Cuts from broken glass, torn cans and other sharp objects	M	Volunteers will wear heavy gardening gloves. Once a piece of litter is recognized as broken glass it will be picked up using a litter picker, not by hand. Broken glass will be placed in a dedicated receptacle such as a bucket or trug for disposal separate from the main pile of collected rubbish. As always at HNCf events, a first aid kit will be present and available.
Infection from natural pathogens such as <i>Clostridium tetani</i>	H	Volunteers will be asked if their tetanus inoculations are up to date and told not to take part in the activity if they are not. The risk of skin puncture wounds will be reduced by the precautions noted above.
Infection from hypodermic needles	H	Volunteers will be warned that hypodermic needles must be picked up using a litter picker and placed immediately in a sharps bin. The area to be cleared will be assessed by the warden or other volunteer in charge of the working party before the activity and any needles noticed removed; if needles are noticed at that time the safety talk to volunteers before the event will emphasize that needles will be found.
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”.)		

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RESTRICTIONS		
Only volunteers whose tetanus inoculations are up to date will be allowed to take part in the activity.		
PREVENTATIVE MEASURES		
All volunteers will wear heavy gardening gloves. Litter pickers will be used for broken glass and hypodermic needles. Hypodermic needles will be placed immediately into sharps bins. Broken glass will be placed in a separate receptacle such as a bucket or trug, at the end of the activity the warden or other volunteer in charge of the working party will take this material for independent safe disposal with household rubbish or at the amenity site as appropriate.		
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT		
All volunteers will wear heavy gardening gloves.		
TRAINING		
Volunteers will be given a safety talk before the activity emphasizing the points as above.		
MONITORING		
The notes at risk assessment 3 “Children aged under 16 years at working parties” are particularly pertinent here since children will tend to rush off after obvious rubbish and crawl into areas inaccessible to adults. The warden or other volunteer in charge of the working party must keep an eye on children and their parents and speak to parents if their children are acting dangerously. As noted in risk assessment 3, children under 16 years of age are allowed on working parties only if accompanied by a parent or person acting <i>in loco parentis</i> . It must be made clear to the accompanying adult that the children remain their responsibility.		
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