

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
35. Use of the BCS Two Wheel Tractor (2WT)	Steve Bolsover	23 rd May 2026
HAZARD	RISK LEVEL	PRECAUTIONS
potential for harm		to remove hazard or reduce risk level. One precaution may tackle several hazards.
The fuel could ignite causing a rapidly spreading fire	H	The motor must be turned off while refilling the fuel tank. There is to be no smoking or any other source of flame while refueling. Any spilt fuel is to be wiped off before starting the motor. At the work site fuel canisters are to be kept in a shaded spot well away from the area where the 2WT is operating.
While in operation the tool (cutter bar or flail) could cause serious injury to a volunteer or bystander.	H	No volunteer is to place any part of their body close to the tool while the motor is running, even if the power takeoff clutch is disengaged. All cleaning and greasing of the tool is to be done with the motor off. While the machine is in use it must be accompanied by an observer to keep watch for danger. The observer should carry a flag and must keep an eye out for members of the public, free running dogs, members of the volunteer team who get too close and any other hazards and signal to the operator to stop: • If the observer is behind the operator, they should slap the operator firmly on the back to alert them. • If the observer is in front of the operator they should wave the flag to alert the operator. As soon as they are alerted by the observer the operator must let go with their left hand, which will immediately stop the machine. They can then look around to check the situation; if there are members of the public walking by it would be polite to turn the engine off completely using the ignition lever.
When the motor is turned off the tool could still cause injuries because the blade and other parts are sharp.	M	Volunteers should wear gloves while cleaning the tool and at any other time that the tool is being inspected.
The motor will be run while the machine is inside the storage container since the machine is moved out and back in under its own power.	H	Both doors of the container must be fully open while the motor is being run inside.
Volunteers could be asphyxiated by carbon monoxide from the motor.		
The motor and tool are extremely noisy and will damage unprotected ears of an operator.	H	The operator must wear ear protectors at all times while the motor is running. A pair is kept in the 2WT tool box.
Material thrown up by the tool could get into the operator's eyes.	L	The operator must wear protective goggles while using the machine. A pair is kept in the 2WT tool box.

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

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RISKS AND PRECAUTIONS SPECIFIC TO THE SITE OR DAY

ASSESSOR

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APPLICABLE DATES

(This is likely either to be one specific day, or “until further notice”.)

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RESTRICTIONS Only volunteers who have been trained in the use of this machine and are familiar with the usage notes distributed to volunteers may operate the machine. The machine and operator must be accompanied at all times by an observer carrying a flag (these are kept in the Maselfield building).		
PREVENTATIVE MEASURES		
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT The operator must wear ear and eye protectors at all times while operating the machine.		
TRAINING Initial training in use of the machine was provided by Mark Pulfer of Ernest Doe Ltd. on 11 th December 2025. Present on that day were Stephen Bolsover, Leslie Bolsover, Jason Shorrocks and Peter McLoughlin. Further familiarization with the machine has occurred at later dates and the following are regarded as competent to operate the machine:		
MONITORING		
INFORMATION		

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