

Litter Picking Heath Hayes & Wimblebury Parish

Risk assessment carried out by: L Bowman Date of assessment: 22/03/2021

Risk Assessment for: Area 1 – Heath Hayes Village Area 2 – Wimblebury Village

LP = litter pickers

Main roads - LPs will be advised to stay on pavements and not to litter pick in the roads.

Dogs - LPs will be advised to keep away from dogs who bark at garden gates.

Streams, ditches and wet areas - LPs advised to use caution near wet areas and deep ditches and not to step into any waterlogged areas.

Lone working - LPs advised to work in pairs or more; if litter picking on their own, they are advised to carry a mobile phone if possible.

HAZARDS	CONTROL MEASURES TO BE PUT IN PLACE FOR LITTER PICK	HOW WILL THIS BE MANAGED	WHO BY
Traffic	 Litter picking on main roads – LPs must stay on pavements only and must not step into the road under any circumstances 	 Safety briefing and H&S info sheet to be handed out 	Event Coordinator
	 Litter picking on lanes – warning signs to be put up at each end of lane as required Tabards to be worn Advise LPs not to use personal music players 	Monitoring	Event Coordinator

Weather	Volunteers advised to wear suitable shoes and clothing	Advance information	local organiser
	Volunteers advised to bring/use sun protection cream	Check weather forecasts	local organiser
	• If weather conditions hazardous the event would be	• Assessment on the day	
	postponed e.g. lightening or cancelled e.g. heavy rain	,	Event Coordinator
Cuts from sharp objects	Volunteers advised to bring and wear protective gloves	Advance information	local organiser
e.g. glass	Volunteers provided with a litter picker device	 Equipment supplied by HH&W 	Local organiser
Manual handling	Volunteers provided with a litter picker device	Request to HH&W	Local organiser
	Volunteers instructed not to lift heavy, awkward objects	purchases	Event Coordinator
	Volunteers advised not to reach, twist or stoop	• Safety briefing and H&S	
	• Any such items will be reported to HH&W for removal	info sheet	Event Coordinator
		• Log details, notify HH&W	
Infection/disease	• Volunteers instructed not to touch hypodermic syringes etc.	Safety briefing and H&S	Event Coordinator
	and to notify the Event Co-ordinator	info sheet	
	Volunteers made aware of the risks from contaminated		
	water and dog faeces		
	Volunteers instructed on good personal hygiene		
Unsupervised children	Ages of children to be ascertained	On the day	Event Coordinator
	• Ensure that ratios of adults to children are adequate and	Organise and brief adults	Event Coordinator
	adults made aware that they are responsible for the	on the day	
	supervision of children in their charge		
Lone working	Volunteers advised not to work alone	Organise groups on day	Event Coordinator
Violence/verbal abuse	Litter picking area will exclude privately owned land	Safety briefing and H&S	Event Coordinator
	Volunteers instructed not to challenge litter droppers	info sheet	
Hazardous substances	Volunteers instructed not to touch hazardous substances	Safety briefing and H&S	Event Coordinator
	but to report them to the Events Coordinator	info sheet	
	 Details of such items will be reported to HH&W 	• Log details, notify HH&W	Event Coordinator
Slips and trips	Volunteers advised to wear sturdy footwear	Advance information	local organiser
Water hazards e.g.	Volunteers instructed to stay clear of water	• Safety briefing and H&S	Event Coordinator
drowning	No lone working if possible	info sheet	
	Children supervised		
Dangerous dogs	Volunteers instructed not to trespass, avoid farms etc.,	Safety briefing and H&S	Event Coordinator
	remain in groups, stay away from dogs and be vigilant	info sheet	
Electricity	Volunteers warned of electrical hazards if required	• Safety briefing and H&S	Event Coordinator
	(list any hazards below)	info sheet	