



The Hanneys Flood Group Risk Assessment 1st August 2020

Activities – removal of weeds, invasive Himalayan Balsam, fallen trees, brambles, brash, branches and small bushes, litter and other obstructing or foreign objects from Childrey Brook, Letcombe Brook, drainage ditches and other water courses in The Hanneys area.

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are we doing already?	What further action is necessary?	Action by whom	Action by when	Done
Drowning	Volunteers in the water	All volunteers in the water to wear lifejackets	None			
Drowning	Volunteers in the water	No lone working, at least 2 persons in the water to work together within talking distance of each other	None			
Drowning	Volunteers in the water	No work to take place after heavy rainfall or where flow rates or water depth is larger than is usual.	None			
Drowning	Volunteers in the water	Volunteers to use wading sticks when there is an uneven stream bed, deep silt, unknown depth or when the water is not clear.	None			
Hyperthermia	Volunteers in the water	Volunteers to wear chest high waders. Working during winter to be restricted to very short periods or not at all.	None			

		Volunteers to wear warm clothing including hats in cold weather.				
Sun stroke	All volunteers	Volunteers to have a break at least every 1.5 hours. Volunteers to apply sun cream, wear long sleeves and a hat if working in direct sunshine during summer. Volunteers to bring liquid refreshment.	None			
Dehydration	All volunteers	Volunteers to have a break at least every 1.5 hours. Volunteers to bring liquid refreshment.	None			
Cuts and scratches	All volunteers	All volunteers to wear tough gloves and appropriate clothing and footwear. If brambles or branches are at eye level full face visors or safety glasses to be worn.	None			
Infection from contact with soil or contaminated water	Volunteers in the water	Minor cuts and abrasions to be covered with waterproof plasters at home before work starts.	None			
Tetanus	All volunteers	All volunteers to have had a tetanus vaccination	None			
Ill health due to ingestion of contaminated water or organisms	Volunteers in the water	All volunteers to wash hands thoroughly before eating and drinking. Hand sanitiser to be available. Clean water to be available for washing eyes or mouth.	Volunteers must ensure that medical staff are made aware of the volunteer's water-based activities	Volunteer	If volunteers go to their doctor or to a hospital on account of illness	
Leptospirosis	Volunteers in the water	All volunteers made aware of Weil's	Volunteers must ensure that	Volunteer	If volunteers go to their doctor or to	

(Weil's Disease)		disease.	medical staff are made aware of the volunteer's water-based activities		a hospital on account of illness	
Tick Bites (Lyme's Disease)	All volunteers	Volunteers to carry out thorough tick check of clothes and body. Ticks should be removed as soon as possible.	Bites to be treated with antiseptic.	Volunteer	Until wound healed	
Other accidents	All volunteers	Team Leader to ensure that at least one person in the group has a mobile phone and a first aid kit. Hand sanitiser to be available.	None			
Other medical factors	All volunteers	Volunteers with existing medical conditions should ensure another volunteer with whom they are working is aware of any potential consequences.	None			
Injury from chain saws	All volunteers	No chainsaws are permitted on any flood group working party	None			
Fitness to work	All volunteers	No volunteer should attend any activity if feeling unwell.	None			
COVID-19 Infection risks / vulnerability	All volunteers	Only carry out this activity if you are not someone who is 'shielding' or 'self-isolating'. Do not take part if you or anyone in	None None			

		<p>your household has symptoms.</p> <p>If anyone is suffering symptoms of COVID-19 whilst at a work party they should notify the Leader and leave to self-isolate at home.</p>	Volunteer to notify Team Leader	Team Leader to notify all working party volunteers of the situation		
COVID-19 Transmission risks from equipment	All volunteers	<p>Everyone should wash their hands using hand sanitiser on arrival at the work site and end of the work party. Work gloves should always be worn. Tools, equipment and PPE should not be shared.</p>	Repeat as necessary			
COVID-19 Person to person transmission risk	All volunteers	<p>You must always stay 2 metres from others. If two people are required to undertake a task then extra care should be taken to ensure social distance is maintained.</p>	None			
COVID-19 Person to person transmission	All volunteers	<p>If there is close-proximity work taking place then the duration should be as short as possible, no longer than 15 minutes and face coverings should be worn.</p>	None			
COVID-19 Person to person transmission	All volunteers	<p>Contact Tracing. Team Leader to keep details of all present at Work Parties. Should a volunteer feel ill with COVID-19 symptoms having attended a working party group they should contact the Team Leader immediately.</p>	Team Leader to notify all other volunteers present.			
COVID-19 Person to person transmission	All volunteers	<p>Should a volunteer or one of their close family members feel ill with COVID-19 symptoms the volunteer should contact the team leader</p>	Team Leader to notify all other volunteers who			

		immediately. Although it may be that the volunteer is not showing signs of COVID-19 but the family member is and that volunteer may therefore be an asymptomatic carrier. Volunteer to notify TL immediately close family or somebody they are living with feel ill with COVID-19 symptoms.	were present.			
Emerging risks notified through Government advice	All volunteers	In times of national emergencies all volunteers should follow the Government advice of the day in deciding whether to hold working parties, other gatherings, maintaining social distancing, travelling, etc.	None			

Notes:

The team leader shall check all safety precautions are in place before and during the working session.

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