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| **Risk Assessment**  **(OSM)** | **Litter Picking** | **Date of risk assessment** | **10th September 2024** | **Name of person doing this risk assessment** | **Iain Roy** |
| **Category**  **(OSM)** | **Activities** | **Date of next review** | **9th September 2026** |

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| **What hazard have you identified?**  **What are the risks from it?** | **Who is at risk?** | **How are the risks already controlled?**  **What extra controls are needed?** | **What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?** |
| Leaders not qualified to run activity leading to injury | Young people  Leaders | * Designated Leader In Charge. * Planning and Preparation materials shared between all leaders. * Clear roles and responsibilities during the activity. * Risk Assessment Shared. |  |
| Young people not aware of safety rules leading to injury | Young people  Leaders | * Clear briefing before activity by Leader In Charge to include instructions about no running, handling equipment and to not touch litter. |  |
| Overexcitement and not following rules or instructions leading to injury | Young people  Leaders | * Section code of conduct in place to set clear expectations of behaviour. * Explain the activity clearly using age-appropriate language. * Monitor the mood level throughout the activity. * Use a clear communication to stop the activity – everyone should stop as soon as they hear two blasts on the whistle or anyone shouting stop. * Have a clear location for those not participating in the activity. |  |
| Lost or abducted youg person | Young people | * Head count at start of activity and at regular intervals and at end of activity * Adults to be vigilant during activity |  |
| Injury caused by moving vehicles | Young people  Leaders | * Walk in pairs, single file along narrow pathways. * Leader to supervise crossing points * Adults to walk on roadside of young persons * High vis jackets to be worn (if appropriate). |  |
| Risk of injury by litter picking close to roads | Young people  Leaders | * Avoid close proximity to traffic. * Stay off the highway. * Wear high visibility clothing. * Be aware of the vehicles around you during the litter pick. * Keep a look out. |  |
| Risk of injury from slips, trips and falls | Young people  Leaders | * Check the area for trip/slip hazards, dangerous debris etc. before and after the activity * Ensure shoes and clothes are appropriate for the weather and for working outdoors * Assess the weather risk before and during the session. * First aid if required. |  |
| Risk of injury from animals | Young people  Leaders | * Wear appropriate clothing. * Beware of loose dogs. * Avoid contact with animals. * Avoid contact with animal faeces. |  |
| Unsuitable equipment causes injury | Young people  Leaders | * Check litter picking equipment is in good enough condition, appropriate for the planned activity, and is the right the size for everyone taking part. * Leaders consider which parts of the activity need to be done by adults, or with close supervision. * First aid if required. |  |
| Risk of poked eyes from litter picking equipment | Young people  Leaders | * Remind young people to be careful with litter picking equipment and to carry below waist height * Remind young people to not run * Consider closer supervision for children with SEN. * First aid if required. |  |
| Risk of insect bites and stings | Young people  Leaders | * Identify anyone with allergies and plan work accordingly * Identify areas/vegetation which might harbour biting insects and work with caution * In very warm dry summers, participants need to be especially made aware of horse flies and their potential dangers; bites can become infected and can even cause sepsis * Check body for ticks after working in high-risk areas, bracken/long grass * First aid if required. |  |
| Risk of piercing or other injuries from litter | Young people  Leaders | * Participants to not touch any litter directly, use litter grabbers always. * Leaver any needles / sharps alone and report to council for removal. * First aid if required. |  |
| Risk of injury from batteries, asbestos, or other chemicals | Young people  Leaders | * Do not approach or remove any potentially hazardous waste. * Report to the council for disposal. * First aid if required. |  |
| Risk of diseases from rat’s urine | Young people  Leaders | * Do not touch dead animals. * Cover any cuts or sores with a waterproof plaster before carrying out a litter pick. * Avoid getting hands wet in rivers, ponds or canals. * Everyone washes their hands thoroughly as soon as possible after the litter pick and before taking any food or drink. * Any wounds are redressed after cleaning and disinfecting if there has been any contact with water. |  |
| Other unforeseen hazards | Young people  Leaders | * Dynamic risk assessment to be performed by all leaders in line with TSA guidelines. * Hazards to be shared with other leaders and appropriate mitigation to be actioned. |  |