

BARROW UPON SOAR PARISH COUNCIL

RISK ASSESSMENT Ver 2

Event: Footpaths and Open Spaces Clearance Tasks

Date of Event: Various

Venue: Various around Barrow upon Soar

Expected attendance: Minimum of 2 volunteers

NATURE OF RISK	EXPLANATION OF COVER
Volunteers working alone.	Volunteers cannot work alone. Volunteer Co-ordinator to inform volunteers of this, and make it clear that it is for their own safety.
Being knocked down or injured by a vehicle.	Volunteers must keep off the roads whenever possible. Volunteers are to wear Hi-Vis vests when working on or near roads.
Insect bites and stings	Volunteers must register details of any severe allergic reactions to stings and bites on the registration form and carry medical supplies with them when volunteering. Volunteers should remind the Volunteer Co-ordinator at the beginning of each task.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunburn/Sunstroke 	Volunteers should <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear a sun cream with SPF of 15+ • Take regular breaks out of the sun • Avoid working in direct sunshine between 12.00 – 3.00 pm.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frost bite/Hypothermia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress in several layers of clothing • Wear gloves, hat and socks that fit well, wick moisture and provide insulation • Limit time in cold, wet and windy conditions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banging head/walking into low branches 	Remove all low level branches and prune back overhanging shrubbery first
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contaminated soil/poisonous plants 	Protective gloves must be worn. Volunteers should wash their hands after working and before eating.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trips/slips/falls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers must be aware of their surroundings and wear appropriate footwear. • Ensure pathways around all clearance sites are kept clear. • Volunteers must not leave tools and equipment unattended and make sure everything is cleared away when not in use.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miss-use of hand tools 	Volunteers will be informed of the correct use of hand tools at the start of each task.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor repair of hand tools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand tools provided by the Parish Council will be regularly inspected by the Volunteer Co-ordinator to ensure they remain in good repair. • The Volunteer Co-ordinator will ensure correct storage of hand tools at the end of each task.