



Church Stretton

Town Council

RISK ASSESSMENT RECORD – COPPICE LEASOWES

Activity Assessed Cutting down Himalayan Balsam	Assessment Date 	Assessed by Signature: Date:
Activity / Location Removal of Himalayan Balsam from Coppice Leasowes Local Nature Reserve	Overall Risk Level HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	Revised and assessed by Date:

HAZARD Potential for harm	Who is at risk?	Actions Precautions to reduce the risk level	High/ Medium/ Low Risk
Tripping/slipping and Falling/debris	Workforce and general public	Inspect area before any work commences and mark trip hazards, remove any debris such as stones etc. Before climbing any banks assess risks of slipping and ensure good foot holes. Ensure no objects or obstacles that could cause tripping are left in way. Avoid working under a bank where there is a risk of falling objects.	
Use of tools/equipment	As above	Ensure tools/equipment being used are in good condition and that for all tools issued general training has been provided. Stipulate that the tools/equipment must only be used for the purpose outline and designed.	
Personal Protective Equipment	As above	Sturdy footwear with a good grip must be worn. Ear protectors and visors to be worn when using mowers/trimmers If any hazardous items/substances are found then the group leader must be informed and the item then dealt with in a safe manner and if necessary the authorities informed. When working near any traffic high visibility vests must be worn.	
Contact with moving traffic	As above	Unloading and loading of vehicles with tools and equipment to be safe from moving traffic. Signs, cones and area taped if there is any danger from moving vehicles or there is any danger to pedestrians from the goods	

		being loaded or unloaded.	
Skip / Flying Debris	As above	When disposing of cuttings in a skip (or truck) care must be taken with lifting. Ensure that manual handling rules are applied.	
Contact with branches / twigs.	As above	Advise of risk to eyes from twigs and branches.	
Contact with Soil		Wash hand before eating, drinking or smoking.	
General Manual Handling	As above	All volunteers to follow lifting techniques - lifting by bending at the knees. Heavy objects to be carried with a team or between two people.	
Lone working	As above	Leave no-one isolated on site and look to have people working in teams and ensure that no-one is out of sight of other Workers.	
First Aid	As above	First aid provision to ensure that accidents are investigated. Ensure that any cuts are protected from infections, washed, cleaned and bandage applied as necessary.	