

NESTON TOWN COUNCIL

RISK ASSESSMENT FOR ALLOTMENT PLOT CLEARANCE WORK

ASSESSMENT DATE: 24.03.2025

RISK CALCULATION				
<u>LIKELIHOOD OF OCCURRENCE (L)</u> 1. Very unlikely 2. Unlikely 3. Possible 4. Likely 5. Very likely	X	<u>HAZARD SEVERITY (S)</u> 1. Negligible 2. Slight 3. Moderate 4. High 5. Very high	=	<u>RISK RATING (R)</u> 1 to 5 LOW 6 to 10 MEDIUM 11+ HIGH

HAZARDS	PERSONS AFFECTED	RISK			CONTROL MEASURES	RESIDUAL RISK		
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Blisters/cuts/abrasions leading to infections of skin complaints	Officers, contractors, volunteers	4	3	12	Wear sturdy work gloves (cut level F). Keep hands as clean as possible and use wipes if necessary. Report any incidents and seek medical advice immediately.	2	2	4
Accidents with tools	Officers, contractors, volunteers	3	4	12	Wear appropriate PPE at all times. Check work area before work starts. Ensure the area is clear of people not involved with the task. Ensure tools are well maintained, are safe to use and all guards are fitted and operational. Faulty equipment must be discarded and not used. Only use tools for the purpose for which they were designed. Only trained individuals to use power tools. Ensure all tools are stored correctly.	1	4	4
Injury from sharps	Officers, contractors, volunteers	2	4	8	Do not lift debris with bare hands. Do not use bare hands to compact waste into bags or piles. Wear boots and appropriate gloves. If sharps are discovered, cordon off the area and report to the Chief Officer.	1	4	4
Moving, lifting or handling loads and loading skips	Officers, contractors, volunteers	4	4	16	All officers to receive basic training in manual handling. Volunteers to work under officer supervision. Assess the load and location before commencing any manual work. Lift only what is comfortable – if in doubt, don't lift or move. Be aware that weight is more challenging at height – reduce the load being lifted when filling a skip.	2	4	8

					Wear shoes with reinforced toes.			
Uneven ground and trip hazards	Officers, contractors, volunteers	4	4	16	Assess condition of ground being worked on. Wear footwear with good grip. Take extra care when ground is slippery. Ensure all access routes are kept clear of materials and debris.	2	4	8
Bacterial infections	Officers, contractors, volunteers	2	3	6	Be aware that illness and infection can be caused by poor garden hygiene. Take care not to put dirty hands in mouth or around mouth, nose or eyes. Wash hands thoroughly before eating. Cover cuts and grazes with waterproof dressing while working on site.	1	3	3
Plant allergies	Officers, contractors, volunteers	3	4	12	Be aware that certain plants may cause allergies – wear gloves at all times. Use hand wipes and wash hands thoroughly following each session.	1	4	4
Garden chemicals	Officers, contractors, volunteers	4	4	16	Protectives gloves, face masks and disposable overalls should be used when dealing with chemicals. Chemicals to be removed from site for disposal should be sealed in plastic boxes or tied securely in bin bags.	2	4	8
Bee, wasp and insect stings	Officers, contractors, volunteers	3	4	12	Be aware of the environment and do not provoke or antagonise stinging insects. Stay clear of hives/nests. If stung by an insect, seek medical assistance. Call emergency services if breathing becomes difficult after being stung. If in doubt, leave the area.	1	4	4
Animal manures	Officers, contractors, volunteers	2	3	6	Wear gloves when dealing with manure and wash hands thoroughly afterwards.	1	3	3
Project work being carried out on site	Officers, contractors, volunteers, tenants, visitors	4	4	16	Wear the correct PPE – high viz, boots, gloves etc. Exclude tenants and visitors where necessary by segregating work areas.	1	4	4
Rodents	Officers, contractors, volunteers	2	4	8	Wear gloves at all times whilst working on site. Be aware of the symptoms of Weils disease and seek medical help if necessary.	1	4	4