

Lostock Gralam Parish Council Play Area Risk Assessment

| No | Activity | Actions | Mitigation | Low/Med/High |
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| 1 | Cuts and grazes Stings or bites from vegetation or insects | No unprotected feet – wear suitable shoes, boots or trainers – No open toes style. Wear suitable clothing (gloves at all times, sleeves and trousers) All volunteers to use litter-pickers to collect rubbish - NEVER scoop up items by hand Be wary of uneven ground and trip hazards including trailing vegetation | Undertake an on-site review of the area to be cleaned, identify any hazards before beginning work. | Low/Med |
| 2 | Slips, trips and falls | Wear supportive and slip-resistant footwear – No open toes style. Take care when negotiating property steps Observe ground and aware of potential trip hazards If in doubt don't carry on if an area looks slippery or dangerous | Take care when pavements are slippery from rain, leaves, ice, snow, etc. | Low/Med |

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| 3 | Syringes and medical waste | Site survey prior to event to check for any evidence of syringes. | Volunteers finding syringes should not touch them, but immediately notify the Parish Clerk who will arrange disposal via the local authority. All work must then cease in this particular area where the items are found. Any accidental piercing by syringe should be immediately treated at medical practice or A & E. | Low/Med |
| 4 | Manual handling | Volunteers with pre-existing injuries are not to lift bags or heavy items No more than one bag at a time to be carried. | Volunteers advised to be aware of their own limitations and not lift heavy items found during the clean up. | Low/Med |
| 5 | Dog Fouling | Advise on issue of dog fouling during the briefing Do not touch dog fouling If a volunteer steps in dog faeces, clean shoes if possible If found warn others in the vicinity | Advise the Parish Clerk to arrange local authority clean up. | Low |
| 6 | Hazardous chemicals | Any suspicious drums, materials or containers with contents not identifiable to be left untouched | Site survey at beginning of clean up Advise the Parish Clerk to arrange local authority clean up. | Low |
| 7 | Safeguarding children | All staff on site to maintain vigilance where members of the public not participating in the litter picking are using the same public space. | All event volunteers to wear L.G.P.C. tabards to allow easy identification. In the event of an incident, immediately inform the local Safeguarding Officer or Police and any other relevant agencies | Med |

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| 8 | Extreme cold or wet weather | Wear suitable warm layers and waterproof clothing | Consider suspending work if weather is sufficiently extreme | Low |
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Clerk Signed.....

Date.....

Vice Chairman Signed.....

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PC Member 1 Signed.....

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