

# Risk assessment for Britain in Bloom Litter Pick



Organisation name: Sustainable Crediton

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	Do you need to do anything else to manage this risk?	Action by whom?	Action by when?	Done
Sharp Objects - Glass, needles, nails etc.	Participants e.g. Needle stick injury leading to Hepatitis B	<p>If discovered, needles must not be picked up or touched under any circumstances. Location should be noted and MDDC contacted on 01884 255255</p> <p>Participants must wear strong, sensible footwear with adequate grip - no open-toe footwear should be worn.</p> <p>Participants to be provided with correct Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including heavy duty protective Gloves, Litter Pickers, High Visibility Vests.</p>	<p>Organiser/team leader to give pre-activity briefing session with all participants to include procedures/ instructions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Procedure for hypodermic needles</li> <li>Participants instructed not to pick up litter with hands - use Litter Picker at all times</li> </ul>	Organiser	Before the session and on the day before the start.	
Hygiene and potential contact with Bio Hazards Objects - faeces, vomit and used condoms	Participants eg e.g. Dog Faeces potentially leading to infection i.e. 'toxocariasis'. Contraction of 'Weils disease' from rat urine.	<p>If discovered, do not attempt to clean up. Make a note of the location and report it to MDDC contacted on 01884 255255</p> <p>Participants must wear suitable outdoor clothing that does not expose bare areas of skin.</p> <p>Participants to be instructed to wash hands and forearms before eating, drinking, smoking or going to the toilet.</p> <p>Participants instructed to cover any cuts, however minor, with surgical tape or waterproof plasters</p>	<p>Organiser/team leader to give pre-activity briefing session with all participants to include procedures/ instructions/information, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General awareness of bio-hazards (e.g. what they are and why they're dangerous)</li> <li>Instruction not to pick up or handle any bio-hazard.</li> </ul> <p>A first aid kit with waterproof plasters will be available. At least one member of the group shall have access to a phone in order to call for emergency assistance in the event of a group member being injured or falling ill.</p>	Organiser	Before the session and on the day before the start.	
Slips Trips and Falls	Participants e.g. Sprained Ankle from tripping over	Organiser to carry out a pre-site visit to ensure that the area is suitable and carry out a suitable risk assessment. We shall be walking through streets, a park and church grounds. Participants must wear strong, sensible footwear with adequate grip - no open-toe footwear should be worn.	No	Organiser	Before the session	

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Manual Handling	Participants e.g. Back injury from bending repetitively	Wear appropriate PPE including protective gloves, trousers and sturdy footwear to protect hands, legs and feet.  Minimise repetitive bending wherever possible and ensure litter picking stick is used.	Organiser/team leader to give pre-activity briefing session with all participants to include instructions on manual handling, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not to lift unless comfortable in doing so</li> </ul>	Organiser	Before session and on the day before the start	
Weather Issues	Participants e.g. extremes of weather can cause injuries such as wind blown debris. Hot sun can cause sunburn	Participants should be informed beforehand of the need to wear sensible outdoor clothing, including trousers and warm clothing where appropriate.  Organiser/team leader to cancel activity if there is extreme weather (e.g. high winds, rain, snow etc)	Organiser/team leader to give pre-activity briefing session with all participants to cover, where applicable, working in the heat (need to keep hydrated and avoiding sunburn)	Organiser	Before session and on the day before the start	
Aggressive People	Participants e.g. Assaulted by member of public	Participants should be informed to cease litter picking if they encounter anyone who makes them feel uncomfortable or that is acting suspiciously and report back to the organiser/team leader.  Participants should always work in teams and should not work alone at any time during the activity.	No	Organiser	Before session and on the day before the start	
Vehicle Movements	Participants e.g. Fatality or major injury caused by moving vehicle	Litter Picking should not be undertaken on roads or areas where there are moving vehicles.  Participants must wear appropriate PPE including fluorescent high-visibility vests.	The route has been risk assessed. Watch for heavy goods vehicles near the dairy. Be aware of traffic at the East Street flower bed. Belle Parade has narrow sections. Cross the High Street either at pedestrian crossings or where there are pedestrian islands in the road.	Organiser	Before session and on the day before the start	
Lone Working	Participants e.g. Anyone lone working sustaining an injury may not receive medical assistance, and thus condition may worsen as team are unaware they have been injured.	Participants should always work in teams and should not work alone at any time during the activity.	Ensure there is a register for participants to sign in and out.	Organiser	Before session and on the day before the start	