

RISK ASSESSMENT and ACTION PLAN

Organisation		Buckden Parish Council
Activity Assessed		Weekly Litter Pick by BPC handymen
Assessed by		VMAC
Date of assessment		25 th July 2025
No.	Risk identified	Nature of adverse outcome
A	Collision with a moving vehicle/cyclist	Cuts, bruises, abrasions or more serious injuries
B	Litter picker infected by discarded material <i>It has been checked whether any compulsory vaccination is needed. NHS 'Immunisation against infection diseases' does not advise vaccination in these circumstances</i>	Toxocariasis from dog/cat/fox faeces. Hepatitis or AIDS from discarded needles Tetanus from deep puncture wound e.g. from rusty metal. Septicaemia from infected wounds.
C	Litter picker cut, jabbed, spiked by sharp object. Localised or systemic infection following cuts or abrasions from sharp objects	Cuts requiring medical attention (stitches) from broken glass, torn drinks cans. Minor wounds from above, plus thorns and brambles.
D	Back strain from bending to pick up litter – carrying heavy sacks of litter etc.	Possible exacerbation of existing conditions or strains resulting in long term problems.
Measures to be taken to eliminate/ reduce risk and/or reduce severity of outcome		Residual risk/Comment
A1 A2 A3	Wear bright clothing Hi Vis jackets, and to work in daytime only. Be advised/reminded of road safety. Young litter pickers to be under supervision e.g. if work-experience students	Some risk remains as litter picking is carried out predominantly on pavements, cycle paths & pathways in the village and open areas that are close to roads.
B1 B2	Litter pickers to be alerted to the kind of material that may have this risk. Litter pickers not to pick up these items but to advise supervisor if such items found.	Slight residual risk. Do not pick up needles or syringes Be aware of glass within bags amongst litter
C1 C2 C3 C4	Strong gloves provided by BPC MUST be worn at all times when carrying out this activity. Litter pick devices to be issued and used. Pickers advised to wear stout shoes and appropriate clothing. First Aid kit in Handymen Shed and one is in each of their vehicles.	Slight residual risk If cuts or abrasions occur - Wash thoroughly. Seek advice from NHS 111 if high temperature follows a break to the skin If not sure about what clothing is appropriate then contact Clerk
D1a D2	Advice to be given on correct lifting technique. See 3b above to eliminate bending.	Risk cannot be completely eliminated particularly if worker has a pre-existing condition.
	All injuries, even minor, MUST be reported to the Clerk on the day they occur	This will help reduce risk of recurrence and enable BPC to meet requirements for Health & Safety reporting

Signature of assessor	Jessica Thomson	Date 25th July 2025
Received by Responsible Officer	Ramune Mimiene Clerk	Date 25th July 2025
Action plan agreed by	VMAC	Date 25th July 2025

