

Risk Assessment for laying of planings on bridlepaths on Copster Green and Parkgate.

Guidance & Information Sources

HSE – adapted from the guidance for working on roadside verges, walls

Lancashire County Council to be responsible for the safe delivery of the planings.

Key Individuals

Project Organiser	= Mike Wood (takes overview for H&S, responsible for reporting incidents etc)
Lead	= Graham Henderson/Maggy Howells (Identification of individual roles on the day)
First Aid	= Mike Wood/Maggy Howells
Tractor	= David Richardson
Hand Tools	= Provided and used by individuals

Before Carrying Out The Project:

- Notices to be posted on both the local noticeboard and Parish website one week before the planned work advising residents of the potential disruption.
- Have the correct Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – eg Thick gloves, hi-viz vest, sensible/protective footwear, weather appropriate clothing etc.
- Have the correct equipment – e.g. spade, pick, wheelbarrow, shovels, spades, etc and know how to use the equipment.
- Consider all the risks and hazards in the work area, e.g. hazardous waste, broken glass, dog waste, low branches, uneven ground etc.
- Know the work area and how to report incidents or hazardous or unidentified waste, where to get first aid.
- Clear understand of roles.

On Completion of the Work Ensure:

- All machinery and tools are removed from site along with any surplus planings.
- Everyone washes their hands thoroughly as soon as possible after the work and before taking any food or drink.
- Any wounds are redressed after cleaning and disinfecting if there has been any contact with water/soil/planings.
- Volunteers carry out a personal inspection for cuts etc.
- Report any hazardous items found at location and/or injuries to the Organiser.

Risk Scoring

Likelihood (a)		Severity (b)		Magnitude = a x b
Certain	5	Fatality	6	Low Risk = 2-8
Probable	4	Serious Disablement	5	Medium Risk = 9-16
Even Chance	3	Sprain, Major Cuts/Bruises	4	High Risk = 17-24
Possible	2	Minor Cut/Strain	3	Very High Risk = 25-30
Unlikely	1	Minor Bruises/Grazes	2	

Risk Assessment Table

HAZARD	RISK	CONTROLS	MEASURES TO REDUCE EFFECT IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENT	Score (a x b)	Risk
Site safety	Damage to vehicles parked close to area. Injury to General public. Slips, trips & falls. Animals/children near site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wherever possible vehicles to be moved away from area of work before start. • Site to be cleared of debris and made safe on completion • Signs notifying public not to park • General public to be kept away from site. • Bridleways to be closed to traffic whilst the planings are being laid. • Presence of 2 look-outs at either end of the bridleway(s) being worked on. • Look-outs to carry mobile phones • All workers to be mindful of children and dogs straying • Site not to be left unattended until work completed and deemed safe. • First Aid kit available 		1x3=3	LOW
Highways vehicles, bicycles, plant and machinery	Collision with moving traffic/ ped.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid close proximity to traffic. • Stay off the bridleway when vehicles approaching • Wear high visibility clothing. • Speed limit is 10mph (HSE consider this safe). • Be aware of vehicles around you during the work. • Presence of lookouts at site. • Only adults to carry out works • Team to carry to mobile phones • First Aid kit available • Only fully trained and insured operatives to drive/use any mechanical equipment. • All workers to stay clear of any moving plant 	Seek medical attention in the event of injury.	2x4=8	LOW

People, lone working	Physical or verbal assault	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aware of aggressive and difficult people. • Withdraw rather than face conflict. • Do not work out of sight of others in the group. • Organiser and lookouts to have mobile phones. • Keep together 	Seek medical attention following any assault / injury.	1x3=3	LOW
Weather E.g. Thunderstorms	Various health issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cease work in inappropriate conditions. • Avoid working in extreme conditions. • Dress for conditions • In the event of extreme weather conditions the work should be postponed or abandoned 	Seek medical attention where appropriate.	3 x2=6	LOW
Tools, equipment	Personal Injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each individual to be competent in using necessary equipment • Allow sufficient working area for the correct and safe use of tools and equipment. • Use appropriate protection e.g. gloves, boots, eye protection • Workers not to lift heavy weights alone. 	Obtain medical attention in the event of injury.	2x4=8	LOW
Working at Height	Personal Injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No areas are above head height • Planings not to be thrown 	Obtain medical attention in the event of injury.	1x3=3	LOW
Lifting	Personal Injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workers not to lift heavy weights alone 	Obtain medical attention in the event of injury.	1x3=3	LOW

SIGNED BY ORGANISER :

DATE: