

## Risk Assessment for Footpath Maintenance

Area/location: **Shelfanger**

Person(s) at risk: **Ivan Lord**

Nature of activity: **Grass and hedgerow cutting**

Identification of Hazards	Risk rating High/Med/Low	Control procedure to reduce risks, including equipment needed to minimise risks	Level of Risk after implementation of control procedures
Personal injury, from falling/slipping on route	Varies depending on weather and conditions underfoot	Volunteer should wear appropriate footwear, with firm gripping soles. Hiking sticks should also be used for additional support.	Low
Traffic accident from Working on roads	Medium	Avoid working in low-light conditions. Wear high-visibility vests. Keep to the right-hand side of the road so you can see oncoming traffic.	Low
Lone working: Difficulty of calling for assistance in event of accident can cause delay in rescue or treating illness or injury	Medium	If working alone, the Volunteer should inform a friend/colleague/family member/parish councillor of where they will be working and how long the route is expected to take. Volunteers should also take a mobile phone to contact others in an emergency.	Low
Obstructed paths	Very High	Footpath Volunteers should not attempt to remove obstacles. All obstacles should be reported to Norfolk County Council Highways Department and the appropriate Parish Council. Volunteer should only attempt to climb over obstacles if they are physically able to do so.	Low
Damaged/dangerous stiles/bridges	Low	Volunteers should not attempt to cross bridges/stiles if they are broken or damaged. Maintenance issues should	Low

		be reported to Norfolk County Council Highways Department and/or the appropriate Parish Council	
Illness caused by extremes of temperature; sunstroke, dehydration, hypothermia	Low	Wear suitable clothing appropriate to the weather conditions and carry sufficient water.	Low
Plants may cause skin irritation	Medium	Wear long trousers and long-sleeved shirts. Carry small first-aid kit with antihistamine cream/tablets.	Low
Bites, stings, attack by animals	Low	Maintain vigilance, wear long trousers and long-sleeved shirts. Carry first-aid kit with plasters and antihistamine cream/tablets	Low
Use of grass & hedge cutting equipment	Medium		
Petrol	Medium	Keep petrol in a suitable sealed container	Low

**Name and position of person carrying out risk assessment:**

**Signature:**

*Seán Green*

**Chair**

**Date:** January 2024