

Risk Assessment for Footpath Maintenance

Area/location: Shelfanger

Person(s) at risk: Ivan LORD

Nature of activity: Grass & hedgerow cutting

Identification of Hazards	Risk rating High/med/low	Control procedure to reduce risks, including equipment needed to minimize risks.	Level of Risk after Implementation of Control Procedures
Personal injury, from falling/slipping on route	Varies depending on weather and conditions underfoot	Warden should wear appropriate footwear, with firm gripping soles. Hiking sticks should also be used for additional support.	Low
Traffic accident from walking on roads	Medium	Avoid walking 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	Medium	If walking alone, the warden should inform a friend/colleague/family member/parish councillor of where they will be walking and how long the route is expected to take. Wardens should also take a mobile phone to contact others in an	Low

treating illness or injury		emergency.	
Obstructed paths	Very high	Footpath wardens should not attempt to remove obstacles. All obstacles should be reported to Norfolk County Council Highways Department and the appropriate Parish Council Warden should only attempt to climb over obstacles if they are physically able to do so.	Low Low
Damaged/dangerous Stiles/bridges	Low	Wardens should not attempt to cross bridges/stiles if they are broken or damaged. Maintenance issues should be reported to Norfolk County Council Highways Department and/or the appropriate Parish Council	Low
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

The above suggestions do not cover all hazards/risks. Consider further hazards applicable to your area

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Use of grass & hedge cutting equipment.	medium		
Petrol	medium	Keep petrol in a suitable sealed container	

Name and position of person carrying out risk assessment:

Signature: J. Carter Shalbygar Panah Clark

Date:

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