

RISK ASSESSMENT

Assessor's name	Tony Wallace	Date	4th October 2019
Description of process, activity or task to be risk assessed.			
Describe the location where the activities are taking place.	Quarry Park, Cheam Road, Cheam, Sutton, Surrey		
Describe the activities being performed.	Gardening using hand tools only at ground level. If power assisted equipment is to be used or work is to be done above ground level such as using steps or a ladder then further risk assessments are required for those activities. Usually task requiring mechanical equipment will be carried out by the Council's contractor. Litter picking in and adjacent to the park.		
Describe the equipment and/or substances being used.	Standard hand tools used in domestic gardening such as spades, forks, trowel, hoes, shears, croppers, pruners and hand saws. Insecticide spray in small bottles. Standard litter pickers.		
Describe the people involved in these activities (and others who might be affected).	Friends of Quarry Park aged 18 years or more. The park is open to the general public and they could come near to the work.		

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Description of hazard and hazardous event		Who might be harmed?	What risk controls are currently in place?	Current risk rating*			Are further controls needed?	Date to be completed by?	Residual risk rating		
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Location	Cuts or infection from sharp objects on the ground such as glass or needles.	Gardeners.	Wear gardening gloves, strongly soled footwear and watch out for such objects, use tools to lift soil and open up the ground. Use litter pickers for collecting rubbish. For group work a first aid kit should be to hand.	2	2	4					
	Trip over uneven ground, roots or low branches.	Gardeners.	Move about carefully.	2	2	4					
	Animal excrement such as from foxes or dogs (not allowed in the park but a few owners ignore this)..	Gardeners.	Dispose in a plastic bag as for dog waste. Do not use bare hands.	2	2	4					
	Children nearby	Children	No work if children within 3 metres.	1	3	3					
	Sharp leaves or branch ends at low level.	Young children	Gardeners to cut back so not projecting especially near the path.	1	4	4					

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	Illness form removal of ivy, work on laurel and other plants with poisonous parts.	Gardeners	Do not use bare hands. Wash hands afterwards. Remove any deadly night shade, lily seeds (which are poisonous) or plants dangerous to children.	1	3	3					
	Back strain	Gardeners	Limit activity or work periods to prevent serious pains afterwards	2	3	6					
	Handling heavy objects	Gardeners	Lift only that which you comfortably can. For heavier items 2 people to carry or use a trolley.	2	3	6					
Equipment and substances	Use of hand sprays, not more than 500ml, such as rose spray.	Anyone nearby	Follow instructions on the spray. Work so that spray does not fall on anyone. Wear gloves and cover arms.	2	2	4					

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