

| Paddock Pals Work Party  | Risk Assessment   | Sunday 06/02/2022 | 10.00am -12.00pm |
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| <p>Today's Tasks - A number of tasks are listed here, but we'll focus on the ones near the canal and main path. Other tasks will continue until nesting season:</p>  |   |                   |                  |
| <p>Cutting out Hazel by coppicing, Cutting out holly, Taking out any laurel, and cleaning information boards and Litter picking.</p>   |   |                   |                  |
| <p>N. B. Laurel is not native, but imported from gardens, so needs to be removed if growing in Telford &amp; Wrekin LNRs</p>   |   |                   |                  |
| <p>Location – Meet at Garden of Rest entrance buildings, Hill Top Red Lees, TF1 5ET</p>  |   |                   |                  |
| <p>. The Risk assessment for the Pals work party is given below –</p> <p>precautions to limit spread of Covid 19 given in the right-hand column - Social distancing is still very important.</p> <p>You should stay 2 metres apart from anyone who is not in your household or support bubble where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings) if you cannot stay 2 metres apart.</p> <p>To help protect yourself and your friends, family, and community you should continue to follow all of the guidance on this page even if you've been vaccinated against COVID-19.</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water. This eliminates germs including viruses that may be on your hands.</li> <li>• Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth. From there, the virus can enter your body and infect you.</li> <li>• Cover your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately into a closed bin and wash your hands. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By following good 'respiratory hygiene', you protect the people around you from viruses, which cause colds, flu and COVID-19.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Clean and disinfect surfaces frequently especially those which are regularly touched, such as door handles.</li> </ul> |                   |                  |
| <p>Risk rating S P R This is the COVID-19 risk assessment to be followed for the duration of the session Opening up access to tools if necessary – this may be avoided if all participants bring and use their own equipment. Otherwise keep those you are issued with and clean after use.</p> <p>Contracting /spreading the virus if in close proximity by sharing tools Respect others' space re social distancing Ensure all members of group abide by this unless from same household.</p> <p>Avoid sharing work equipment by allocating it on a personal basis</p> <p>Put cleaning regimes in place to clean between users.</p> <p>Identify where you can reduce people touching surfaces, for instance Tool Shed door and lock, tool cupboard</p> |   |                   |                  |

| Tasks |  | Hazards   | Measures & precautions -  | Risk rating |   |   |
|-------|--|---|---|-------------|---|---|
|       |  |   |   | S           | P | R |
| 1     | Continue to cut back up to one third of the larger poles on the two hazel trees growing on the bank above the glade – top gate path. | Cuts from secateurs, possible use of folding/bow saw. | Provide first aid kit and advice on use of tools if necessary. Ensure people are using gloves, and own secateurs – and clean any other tools issued after use.<br>Take care with sharp tools as some poles are quite large. | 2           | 1 | 2 |
| 2     | Others working nearby can cut back bramble growing into hazel bank Undertake this work only if you are confident.                    | Use of sharp tools. Slippery surface on bank.         | Work near others, respecting 2 metre distance, be aware of people using path when felling branches.<br><br>Use own or individually issued loppers / folding and bow saws / secateurs  | 1           | 1 | 1 |
| 3     | Cut out any Laurel plant by dead hedge on Fen's Way, at ground level.  | Cuts and scratches, slipping on steep slopes          | Wear appropriate footwear as banks above Fen's Way is very slippery clay.<br>Only attempt working here with suitable footwear and if confident to do so.  | 2           | 2 | 4 |
| 4     | Cut out Holly growing by canal path, opposite path down to dipping platform  | Cuts and scratches                                    | Take care with sharp tools as some branches are quite large.<br>Work near others, respecting 2 metre distance, be aware of people using path when felling branches.   | 2           | 1 | 2 |
| 5     | Collect litter   | Cuts/infection  | Care with any cut glass, wear gloves and use litter picker  | 1           | 1 | 1 |

1-4 Probability score 1-5 x severity score 1-5 = risk rating total      1-4 = low risk      5-10 = medium risk      15-25 high risk

| Severity |   |       | Probability     |       |
|----------|---|-------|-----------------|-------|
| outcome  | example   | score | Outcome         | score |
| Minor    | Bruising, minor cuts / abrasions, irritation to skin / eyes | 1     | Unlikely        | 1     |
| Serious  | Loss of consciousness, broken bones, injury of 3 days       | 2     | Possible        | 2     |
| Major    | Permanent disability, major notifiable injury or disease    | 3     | Probable        | 3     |
| Fatal    | death   | 4     | Highly probable | 4     |