

Paddock Pals Work Party	Risk Assessment	Thursday 21/04/2022	10.00am -12.00pm
<p>Today's Tasks – Working mainly to check bramble / gorse beginning to grow over paths – especially working on the top of the mound. Also, to encourage the heather patches to continue to spread, cut out gorse and broom where it is spreading into the heather. Heather growing on acid heathland is of special importance, and we're lucky to have an area which is becoming stronger each year. Cleaning information boards and Litter picking.</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 – Though restrictions have been lifted, be thoughtful of others and keep a good distance from others when working, and limit use of tools except when wearing gloves.</p> <p>precautions to limit spread of Covid 19 given in the right-hand column - Social distancing is still very important.</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"> • 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. • 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. • 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. • By following good 'respiratory hygiene', you protect the people around you from viruses, which cause colds, flu and COVID-19. • Clean and disinfect surfaces frequently especially those which are regularly touched, such as door handles. 		
<p>Risk rating S P R. 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. Otherwise keep those you are issued with and clean after use.</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	Check path around top of mound, cut back overhanging branches including lower oak branches etc	Cuts, Scratches	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. Work near others, respecting 2 metre distance,	1	1	1
2	Continue clearing gorse from around heather on bank by upper section of Glade path	Cuts and scratches		1	1	1
3	Check areas of heather on north facing bank above Shepherds Lane path for encroachment of gorse	Slipping on very steep bank Cuts, scratches	Ensure two people working together as bank can be slippery. Wear appropriate footwear as the banks Only attempt working here with suitable footwear and if confident to do so.	2	1	2
4	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