

Name of activity, event, and location	Tree Planting 12th South West Cheshire Shavington Scouts	Date of risk assessment	May 2023	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Chris Wood
		Date of next review	Ahead of any future litter pick		

What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
<b>A hazard</b> is something that may cause harm or damage. <b>The risk</b> is the harm that may occur from the hazard.	For example: young people, adult volunteers, visitors	<b>Controls</b> are ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk. For example, you may use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way you do the activity.	Keep <b>checking</b> throughout the activity in case you need to change what you're doing or even <b>stop</b> the activity.  This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.
<b>Behaviour - Risk of over excitement</b>	All Present	Everyone to follow section code of conduct that sets clear expectations and behaviour standards.	
<b>Emergency aid</b>	All Present	A qualified first aider will be present throughout the activity.  A first aid kit will be on site during the activity.	
<b>Manual Handling of Equipment and Materials</b>	All Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk: Strain or injury from incorrect lifting and handling of planting tools and saplings.</li> <li>Control Measures: Scouts will be given a demonstration and instruction on how to properly handle equipment and lift materials to prevent injury.</li> </ul>	
<b>Use of Gardening Tools</b>	All Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk: Potential injury from improper use of tools such as spades, trowels, etc.</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Control Measures: All tools to be used will be suitable for the age group. Instruction on safe use of tools will be provided before the activity. Supervision will be provided throughout the activity.</li> </ul>	
<b>Weather Conditions</b>	All Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk: Adverse weather (heat, cold, rain, etc.) can lead to discomfort, illness or injury.</li> <li>Control Measures: Check weather forecast prior to the event. Have contingency plans for shelter or alternative indoor activity. Encourage proper clothing and sunscreen application if necessary</li> </ul>	
<b>Slips, Trips and Falls</b>	All Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk: Uneven terrain or wet ground can cause slips, trips, and falls.</li> <li>Control Measures: Area will be inspected before activity to identify potential hazards. Participants will be advised to watch their step and wear appropriate footwear</li> </ul>	

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